

The Christian Messenger.

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By the following letter to the members of W. M. A. Societies, it will be seen that our sisters are seeking to awaken a deeper and wider interest in the work committed to them.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES OF NOVA SCOTIA, FROM THE CENTRAL BOARD.

Dear Sisters—

Your Secretary will shortly receive the printed forms of Reports to be filled up, according to directions given.

The Circular enclosed is intended for the use of collectors in seeking to obtain new subscribers. We send ten copies to each of the forty-eight Societies now on our books.

In looking over the lists of the churches in the Year Book we find many without Societies or Mission Bands.

Will the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies please take notice that all moneys and Reports which are expected to be embodied in the more general one from the Central Board to the Convention, should be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the last day of July?

By order of the Central Board, MARIA R. SELDEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

THE U. S. SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

held its anniversary on the 10th inst. at Greenville, S. C. The New York Examiner gives a lengthy report of the proceedings.

They have missions in China, Mexico, Brazil, Africa, at Rome, and several other cities of Italy.

In reviewing the whole field, the state and prospect of our work seem very favorable. We have 61 missionaries and native assistants, and 34 missionary stations; the membership of our native churches is 740; the baptisms and conversions during the year, 126; the contributions \$647.83; the number of pupils 748.

This Convention has an Indian Mission and extensive Home Missionary operations. The amount received by the Home Mission Board was \$28,370.08, the funds reported to the body as expended by State Boards aggregating \$65,903.28, making \$94,273.36.

The Board has had in its employ during the year forty-one missionaries, an interesting statement of whose labors was given.

Quite a number of representative men were present from the north. A resolution gravely disapproving of the action of the American Bible Society in refusing to aid in the publication and circulation of Dr. Judson's Burmese version of the Bible was introduced by Dr. Boyce.

resolution Dr. Burrows, of Virginia, denounced the action of the Bible Society as an insult to Baptists all over the country, and said that the Society had offended Christianity, catholicity and scholarship.

It seems that the Baptists of New York are at present leading all other denominations in that city in the matter of church building. Four churches are now in course of erection—Epiphany, Dr. Elder, pastor; Calvary, Dr. McArthur; the North Church, Rev. J. J. Brouner, and Stanton Street Church, Rev. H. O. Hiscok, pastor.

The Anti Chinese Bill is now a part of the law of the land in the neighboring republic which was raised on the basis of all men being free and equal.

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Not a few of our church members, and we fear some of our ministers are in danger of falling into the grievous mistakes of regarding missionary operations as something which a church undertakes in addition to its ordinary work.

THE National Baptist (Philadelphia) makes the following complimentary comparison between the jurisprudence of England and that of the United States:

HERE AND THERE.—We have more than once spoken with plainness about matters in Great Britain, and have intimated that in some points we preferred our mode to theirs. But we must with equal frankness say that in not a few matters they are much in advance of us.

dent died. Never was there a case where there was less occasion for delay. The murder was committed in open day, in presence of the Secretary of State and a multitude of spectators.

Early in March, MacLean made an attempt on the life of the Queen; and by the middle of April he had had a fair trial and had been consigned to permanent confinement on the ground of insanity.

On August 6 last, the body of poor Jennie Cramer of New Haven was discovered. And now, after more than eight months, the trial of the accused murderers begins.

In December last, (four months later than the death of Jennie Cramer.) Dr. Lamson murdered his brother-in-law in England. He had a fair trial, was convicted, was sentenced, was respited at the request of the American government, and on Friday last was hanged.

The term liberal, in a religious sense has come to be sadly misconstrued. It has come to be employed as synonymous with loose, both as to doctrine and discipline.

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MUSICAL.—The following are the points of practical examination adopted by the London Musical Society to be held during the week in London commencing on the 10th of July:

First and second class.—Vocal.—Candidates for a first or second-class certificate in vocal music will be required—1. To sing a solo or to take part with another candidate in a duet already studied.

THE N. Y. Examiner tells us of a case in New Hampshire which shows the way the tide sets in the matter of Infant Baptism. A Council met to install required some guarantee that there a Congregational minister, and on his examination he was asked: "Who are the proper subjects of baptism?"

soared I should not object to a form of consecration but I should not call it baptism." The Independent, which reports this case, characteristically insinuates, without directly saying it, that Congregationalists can fairly raise the charge of intolerance against Baptists if the latter will not meet them on this common ground of "infant consecration."

POLITICAL.—Quite a change has taken place in the political world since our last issue. A reconstruction has been effected in the Provincial Government. Hon. Mr. Holmes has retired from the Government and taken the office of Prothonotary of Halifax.

HON. J. S. D. THOMPSON, Premier and Attorney General. HON. A. C. BELL, Provincial Secretary.

HON. SAMUEL CREELMAN, Commissioner of Mines and Works. HON. C. J. TOWNSEND. HON. W. B. TROOP. HON. J. S. MACDONALD.

Three seats at the Council Board—those formerly occupied by Hon. Mr. Stairs who retires from public life, and Hon. Messrs. White and McDougall candidates for the Dominion House of Commons—have for the present been left vacant.

The reason assigned for Mr. Holmes' retirement is his failing health. The new Provincial Secretary is a member of Pictou County.

Since the above announcement we read that Hon. J. S. MacDonald has retired from the contest of Kings County in favor of W. C. Bill, Esq. This will of course cause the retirement of Mr. MacDonald from the Executive Council.

In addition to these changes in our local affairs, it has been decided that a general election of representatives to the Dominion House of Commons shall be held on Tuesday the 20th of June.

The Dominion Parliament would in regular course have one year longer of life than our Local Legislature had at the present ministry comprising the Government of Canada could have enjoyed their tenure of office and their salaries until October, 1883. They have however in their wisdom decided to forgo the honors of office with the emoluments, &c., and will now render to their masters—the sovereign people—an account of their stewardship.

Mr. John A. McDonald in an address at Ottawa last week, stated distinctly that the reason why the Parliament had been dissolved at the present time was in order that the people might have an opportunity of expressing their deliberate opinion upon the fiscal policy of the administration.

He placed the issue squarely upon the Protection or National Policy question which the Government have inaugurated, and by which the manufacturing interests of Canada have been largely promoted. He said that upon this question the party was prepared to stand or fall.

He stated that large amounts of money were now seeking investment in Canada, but that capitalists were timid, and that capitalists were timid, and that capitalists were timid.

question more or less distinctly. Mr. McKenzie the late leader has quite recently characterized the protective policy as a blunder and a crime.

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It may, perhaps, be regarded as one of the objections against holding both our elections simultaneously, that the larger questions and issues relating to the general contest will absorb attention to the exclusion of what may be considered more particularly Local interests and matters relating to the Local Parliament.

As Baptists, we have no reason to complain of being overlooked in the selection of candidates, in this country at least—one of the government ticket is a prominent member of the North Baptist Church, and an active and efficient superintendent of the Sabbath School, while one of the opposition candidates is from the Granville Street Congregation.

We have most decided opinions upon many important questions affecting the welfare of the country when it may be necessary for us to express them. When matters of morals, temperance or religious principle are at stake we will not be slow in expressing our views.

LIST OF CANDIDATES.

HALIFAX Co.—Dominion.

Government. Opposition. M. H. Ritchey, A. G. Jones. M. B. Daly, H. H. Fuller.

Provincial.

W. D. Harrington, M. J. Power. John Pugh, W. S. Fielding. J. F. L. Parsons, J. G. Foster.

YARMOUTH Co.—Dominion.

J. R. Kinney, F. Killam.

Provincial.

T. E. Corning, A. Gayton. Digby.—Dominion. Hon. W. B. Vail.

Provincial.

J. S. McNeill. H. M. Robicheau.

SHELBUERNE.—Dominion.

N. W. White, Thos. Robertson.

Provincial.

N. McGray, Thos. Johnson. John Allen, W. F. MacCoy.

ANNAPOLIS.—Dominion.

R. S. Randolph, W. H. Ray.

Provincial.

W. B. Troop, J. W. Longley. C. W. Shaffner, H. Munro.

QUEBEC.—Dominion.

J. N. Freeman, Dr. Forbes.

Provincial.

L. Ford, J. H. Cook. J. Bartling, J. M. Mack.

LUNenburg.—Dominion.

C. E. Kauback, Thos. Keefler.

Provincial.

C. A. Smith, C. E. Church. W. R. Calder, Geo. A. Ross.

KINGS.—Dominion.

D. B. Woodworth, Dr. F. W. Borden.

Provincial.

W. C. Bill, Clement B. Dickie. T. R. Harris, T. L. Dodge.

COLCHESTER.—Dominion.

Hon. A. W. McLellan, F. A. Lawrence.

Provincial.

Wm. Blair, S. D. McLellan. W. A. Patterson, W. H. Guild.

GUYSBORO.—Dominion.

John A. Kirk.

Provincial.

J. W. Hadley, Otto S. Weeks. A. N. McDonald, Jas. A. Fraser.

INVERNESS.—Dominion.

Dr. Cameron, S. MacDonnell.

Provincial.

Alex. Campbell, Dr. Campbell. Dr. McLennan, John McKinnon.

CAPE BRETON.—Dominion.

N. L. McKay.

The appearance of Mr. Parsons as one of the candidates for Halifax Co. will be a surprise to many of the electors. He will however scarcely need an introduction to this county, having

been a very successful teacher in this city, and subsequently Inspector of Schools for the county for several years. On his retirement from the inspectorship he entered on the study of law, and was also Grand Scribe for the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, and editor of the Alliance Journal for a number of years until recently he gave up his practice and was appointed Prothonotary of Halifax Co.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR N. S. WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

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G. E. DAY, Moderator. Yarmouth, May 29, 1882.

THE REV. THOMAS DUNCAN of this city has received a call from Edinburg, Scotland. We shall be sorry to lose from our midst the kind genial face of the pastor of St. Andrew's Church.

We have several letters of interest we have been obliged to defer till our next — one on "Commencement at Morgan Park," another, a critique on the so-called undenominational B. A. Tract and Book Society, and two or three editorial articles.

News of the World.

Princess Louise sailed from Liverpool on Thursday last on the Sarmatia, for Canada.

The Sarmatia, has 120 Herefordshire farmers sent out by James Rankin, member of Parliament, to settle on his Canadian estates.

Albert Young, recently arrested for writing a letter to General Sir Henry Ponsonby, private Secretary to the Queen, threatening the life of Her Majesty, has been sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

In the House of Commons on Friday, Lord Trevelyan stated that the cases of imprisoned suspects were continually under consideration. Nearly 70 were released during the past fortnight. The evicted numbered 215 families. Huts could be erected for their shelter, but intimidation would be sternly repressed.

An official denial of the engagement of Princess Beatrice to the eldest son of the Landgrave, of Hesse, is published.

The Ministry at Cairo, have resigned, after refusing the demands of England and France, and referring them to the Sultan. The Khedive has accepted the resignation of the Ministry.

Favorable reports of authorities on the state of the crops in Spain, after the recent rain fall, have decided the Ministers to adjourn the proposed suspension of import duties on corn.

A Cuban deputy has presented the motion for the immediate abolition of Slavery. Veteran Liberals, Democrats and Republicans will vote for the motion, but the Cabinet declines to modify the law fixing abolition for 1888.

Reports reached Berlin, on Thursday of a terrible conflagration in Kiev.

Gen. Drentel, Governor of Kieff, has issued a proclamation to the inhabitants of Baltia, declaring that the authors of the Jewish outrages will be tried by court martial. If the police are insufficient to prevent outrages the military will be used.

The chief of the Baltia police has recommended the Jews to remain calm and has assured them of the immediate repression of attempts at outrages.

An epidemic of small-pox is prevalent at Sarajova, Austria. There are twenty deaths daily. Several Government officials have died of it.

Four hundred houses, belonging to Jews, were recently destroyed by fire at Vasiliskii, in the Government of Grodno.

The steamer Canina, of the Cromwell Line, from Halifax, N. S., for New York, struck on Handkerchief Shoal on Saturday afternoon. She has been lightened of a portion of her cargo, and the captain thinks she will have to discharge it all.

A fire at Tombstone, Arizona, on