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## News from the Churches.

**BARRINGTON.**—Rev. W. H. Richan writes: "After a long season of financial depression around these shores, the prospect is brightening. Mackerel and lobsters are abundant, and some of the codfishermen are doing well. As the markets are good the fishermen generally are likely to have a prosperous season. My prayer is that the Lord will send spiritual blessings also, then will our joy be full."

**REV. J. M. LOWDEN** of Portland, Maine—formerly of Halifax—is having quite a revival in his church. On May 29th he baptized 18 converts.

**DOVER, HALIFAX CO.**—Rev. A. W. Bars informs us he baptized two persons at Dover, on Sunday the 11th Inst., making twenty-nine persons since the commencement of his labors there. These two persons had been living without God, and without hope, but after hearing, received the truth as it is in Jesus, and wished to follow him in his ordinances. They had been received by the church for baptism before Mr. B. arrived on Lord's Day.

The Salvation Army in Philadelphia is making progress, though we are sorry to say what kind of progress it is. A few Sundays ago it announced: "A Real Halleluia Spree," led by "Shouting Annie from Baltimore; Capt. Pilgrim Charlie, the Salvation Wonder; Capt. Joe, the Halleluia Carpenter; and Glory Milt, the Halleluia Drummer." There was also announced "A Knee Drill," by the "Blood and Fire Brigade," and "Sharp-shooting by Soldiers of the Lord." These things are on a par with Mr. Talmage's advice, in his sermon on "Moving Day," to keep up the family devotions "if you have to kneel by a coal-scuttle in the morning, and if your knees come down on a paper of carpet tacks at night." All alike sadly out of place.

"General" Booth stated at a "review" of the Salvation Army at Glasgow that he had received a letter from the Archbishop of York asking for some particulars regarding their work, that he might consider whether some means could be found whereby they could fraternize.

The Free Church of Italy, to which Father Gavazzi is attached, has issued its eleventh annual report of evangelistic work. It includes thirteen pastors, sixteen evangelists, has 1,750 communicants, and in its schools 657 scholars.

A National Italian Catholic Church is Count Campello's latest ambition, and he asks the Anglican Church to place him under its jurisdiction in order that he may "freely exercise his ministry in behalf of his fellow Italians." The idea proposed is a large one, and only a rash man would presume to prophesy what will grow out of it.

M. Schiewe, a Baptist missionary, is having great success in St. Petersburg, baptizing prominent men openly, and daring to appeal to Gen. Ignatieff in behalf of the exiled Baptists.

The Church of England Missionary Society reports its largest annual income this year. It is \$1,060,000.

## In Memoriam.

DEACON THOMAS P. CALKIN OF LIVERPOOL.

died very suddenly and unexpectedly on the 29th-ult. In his removal the Liverpool Church sustains a loss which seems irreparable. He had been connected with the church almost throughout its entire history. About fifty years ago he united with the little band which formed the beginning of the Baptist Church in Liverpool. During all that time he has been known as an exemplary Christian and a faithful member of the church. His integrity of character both in his business and in his private life was never impeached. His uprightness of conduct was known to all. His benevolence was remarkable, his aims were given in secret and few knew how much he was doing. Many a poor family will miss his charities. For nearly thirty years he had served

the church as deacon. He "used the office well." His regularity of attendance at the meetings of the church, his gentleness and humility in his intercourse with his brethren will be long remembered. He had especial interest in the financial concerns of the church. For a long time he had been not only the church's treasurer but its banker. He was careful to see that the pastor's salary was promptly paid though it were paid out of his own pocket. He forgave to the church large sums advanced in this way. It is reported that the church has also been remembered in his will. His age was 81. His health though somewhat feeble for a few years past, was still sufficient to enable him to attend to business until called away by death. An apparently slight attack of illness had confined him to the house for a day or two. He was missed from his accustomed place in church on Sunday. On Monday he seemed better and felt able to examine some business papers, and was thus engaged when the messenger from heaven came to say his work on earth was done. He died sitting in his chair, and apparently without a struggle. His funeral was largely attended by persons of all classes, anxious to show their last tribute of respect to one whom they had known so long and esteemed so highly. The lesson of his long and faithful life were enforced by a sermon by the pastor on Sunday evening, June 4th. "Well done good and faithful servant."—S. McC. B.

## Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Sabbath School Review.

As the end of each quarter approaches, the Sabbath School Superintendent is anxious to know how best to close its series of lesson, with appropriate and interesting services.

Reviews are apt to run so much in a groove as often in time become so familiar as to suggest a change; just what that alteration should be is often a puzzling question.

The last winter session of our school was drawing to a close, and the quarter would end in the next Sabbath, how to close with appropriate services troubled the thoughts of our anxious superintendent. The attendance of the scholars had been good. The teachers on their part had been punctual. The lessons in *Mark* very interesting and had been well gone into, and diligently studied. The ordinary review would only be to go over subjects with which all the school were quite familiar.

Seeing in an American paper a suggestion to turn the closing service into a prayer meeting, our superintendent resolved to try it. As he never likes to have a failure in any scheme he adopts, he made preparation to have it an interesting session. The name of a prayer meeting might under usual circumstances have caused some to stay away, but knowing from the announcement that it was not to be an ordinary formal meeting, the attendance of both scholars and teachers was unusually good.

That it might be conducted with some system, the male teachers were requested during the preceding week to fix their thoughts on some portion of the quarter's lessons and when called upon make a few remarks and close with prayer.

On the last Sunday in March the school was opened as usual with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The superintendent then remarked that the studies of the quarter had been faithfully attended to from Sabbath to Sabbath, but he desired to see substantial results follow, for this purpose the present meeting was intended to ask for the influence of the Holy Spirit to follow the teaching. It was (he said) to be a Sabbath School prayer meeting, to make it such he requested each teacher, and each scholar to follow the words of those who led in prayer, and to make the sentiments their own.

He then called upon the male teachers one by one to take part.

The first one arose and said he had been struck with the very first sentence in the first lesson. The beginning of the gospel—the good news—of Jesus Christ. How good the news how wonderful the tidings brought to light in the Divine Mission of our blessed Saviour etc., &c.

The next speaker said he was impressed with the pure life and disinterested labours of Christ, his daily walk was such as to preach to all with whom he came in contact. He related that the example of a good minister lately deceased whom they all knew was such that even the wicked revered him as he passed them in his walks through the village.

A third teacher said he could not help dwelling upon the parable of the sower. The seed sown seemed in several instances to result in no return yet there was encouragement in the thought that some fell in good ground and bore fruit. So whilst often but small results were visible to the teacher, still they might feel encouraged in hoping the seed would in some hearts at least spring up—and sooner or later—bear abundant fruit.

Another teacher spoke of Christ's power to heal both old and young; and all who come to Christ shared in his benevolent work of mercy in curing their diseases.

A fifth teacher was struck with Christ as retiring frequently for prayer. His example should influence all to imitate him in this respect. If Christ felt the need and benefit of prayer how much more would his followers, if they rightly engaged in it.

The last speaker said nothing in the lessons had struck him so forcibly as Christ's power to forgive sins, his power to heal was important and beneficial, but was not to be compared with that which was essential in forgiving sins and the one released the body from suffering, the other prepared the sinner for eternal happiness.

Each of these addresses without concert, was different and all were connected with some part of the lessons of the quarter. After each short address a short prayer and singing followed.

The whole services were solemn and interesting; no weariness or restlessness was manifested by the school, the whole session did not extend over an hour and a quarter, the reason was that all came prepared, and as requested were short in their communications.

This is not written to trumpet our proceedings, but is sent forth in hope that some other schools may take a hint, improve upon our method, and let us have their experience in closing up a quarter's studies.

TEACHER.

Wolfville, May, 1882.

## Review of Books.

TRUE WOMANHOOD, HINTS ON THE WOMANLY CHARACTER, by Rev. Franklin Johnson, D. D., published by Moses King, Cambridge Mass., pp. 139. Price \$1.00.

This is a beautiful book on a beautiful subject, by the pastor of the Old Cambridge Baptist Church. The writer who gives a fine portrait of himself for a frontispiece—has a happy series of titles to the different chapters into which he divides his subject. He begins with "Character-building," then "Character and Reputation," afterwards, "Selfishness." (It should have been "Unselfishness.") "The love of Home," "Duty," "The government of the Affections," "Purpose," "The masculine woman," "Little Faults," "Piety."

TECHNICAL EDUCATION ABROAD AND AT HOME, by Prof. J. G. MacGregor, of Dalhousie College. pp. 39.

Dr. MacGregor informs us that this pamphlet is a reprint of a short series of letters contributed during the past winter to the *Morning Herald*. It is stated at the head of the title-page that it is "Published by the Association for promoting University Consolidation." We do not perceive the relevancy of the subject to University Consolidation. On the other hand we believe that if the Presbyterians would but vacate Dalhousie College, and leave the provincial funds belonging to it for the purpose of sustaining a Technical School there would then be a chance of something like justice being done to the

people generally and it would be far more in accordance with the original design of the institution.

THE TEXT USED FOR THE REVISED NEW TESTAMENT SHOWN TO BE UNAUTHORIZED, by G. W. Samson, of Bible Workers' College, New York.

This is a work the publication of which is of doubtful value. The author appears familiar with the ancient manuscripts. At a recent New York Baptist Ministers' Conference, Dr. Samson was in the chair. Dr. Potter took him severely to task for the contents of this pamphlet. He said, "the title of the book was offensive and calculated to disturb. The method of treating the subject was ill-judged, and in the worse possible taste, full of assumptions of learning, and disrespectful to great men who had given their lives exclusively to the study of versions, and written in utter ignorance of the latest scholarship. These defects in the book were patent, and required no scholarship at all to see. The work was derided by the very best scholars in the country; and as an example of these opinions, he called attention to the criticisms of Dr. Broadus, who had exposed the mistakes of the author and his strange ignorance of the critical writings of the most eminent of all New Testament scholars, Tischendorf."

There were some of the ministers who differed from Dr. Potter. Dr. Samson said he should reply at length to Dr. Broadus, and point out his blunders.

ALONG THE LINES AT THE FRONT. A general survey of Baptist Home and Foreign Missions, by William F. Bainbridge, author of "Around-the-world tour of Christian Mission," pp. 310. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Bainbridge did not mean to make his late tour around the world merely a visit of pleasure to himself and family, but has since been giving to the world pleasing descriptions of what he saw and learned of the people, especially the Christian converts and the missionaries laboring amongst them in many lands where he called on his way. Himself and Mrs. Bainbridge have already laid the world under obligations to them by two published works. The latter by one entitled "Round the world Letters," and the former by the one named above. He proposes to publish another after this, to be entitled, "From the garden of Eden to the Isle of Patmos;" a complete tour of Bible Lands. In this volume the author gives an extended view of the work of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society; the American Baptist Publication Society; the American Baptist Missionary Union, and other educational and missionary organizations in the United States, Great Britain and Europe. He takes up with him to Japan, China, Siam, Burmah, Assam, India, Africa, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, West Indies, Brazil and Mexico. Mr. Bainbridge enjoyed his travels, and has made his book a reflection of the pleasure his travels gave him, so that in many parts the book becomes as attractive as a novel, whilst the materials, if in other hands might have been as dry as a chapter of statistics.

## Home News.

Nova Scotia.

The city School Commissioners have made arrangements for the examination of the Schools as follows:

Albro Street—Friday, June 23.  
Morris Street—Monday, June 26.  
High School—Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 27, 28, and 29.  
Agricola Street—Monday, July 3rd.  
Richmond—Monday, July 3.  
St. Patrick's—Tuesday, July 4.  
Brunswick Street, Wednesday, July 5.  
St. Mary's—Thursday, July 6.  
National—Friday, July 7.  
Summer Street—Friday, July 7.  
The schools close for vacation on Friday, July 7th, and reopen on Monday, August 21st.

Some anxiety was felt on account of the steamer *Canadian*, going ashore on the Thruscap shisms, at the entrance of the Harbour, during the fog on Thursday evening. By taking out her passengers, about 250, and four or five hundred tons of freight, she was got off on Friday night without damage.

Mr. Vennor announced that through out the months of June and July Saturdays and Sundays will be the days of change to unfavorable weather. The Wednesdays of the months will almost without exception be fair. Thus far he has been pretty correct.

Mr. Fitzgerald Cochran, barrister of Halifax, has removed to Manitoba, and is admitted as a barrister in that province.

The Dartmouth Agricultural Society, has decided to hold an exhibition of vegetables, grains and fruits, etc., about the first of next October. The sum of one hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for prizes.

Old Dr. Johnson was a benefactor. Seventy-five years ago he invented what is now called *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment*, the wonderful success of which in the cure of diseases of the head, throat and lungs is truly astonishing. No family should be without it.

Thousands of dollars might be annually saved to farmers if they would give freely of *Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders* to their horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, and fowl. They prevent disease and promote the growth. We said Sheridan's. Those put up in large packs are utterly worthless.

## Dominion of Canada.

The following is the letter of the Queen, in reply to the one from the Women of Canada, sent by the President of the Committee:—

Mrs. BLACKLOCK,—"I have received with feelings of the sincerest gratification the loyal and affectionate address which you have presented to me from the women of Canada. I wish that you would convey to the signers of that address my heartfelt thanks for the cordial and friendly expressions they have used towards me and to assure the women of the Dominion, of my earnest desire to promote their happiness and welfare. (Signed) VICTORIA REGINA, Buckingham Palace."

The laying of the rails on the Pacific Railway between Thunder Bay and Winnipeg, is now completed and immigrants can reach Manitoba and the North-West without entering United States territory.

The first sod of the Montreal and Champlain Railway was turned on Tuesday last at Howick.

The steamer *Para*, cattle laden, ran ashore on French Island, St. Pierre, on Friday morning.

## New Brunswick.

The Presbyterian General Assembly met in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, on Wednesday last. Principal MacVicar, the Moderator, preached a capital sermon, his subject being "Sowing and Reaping, or Work and Success." The roll call showed a smaller attendance than usual. Dr. Cochran was unanimously elected Moderator.

Rev. E. W. Kelly has resigned the pastorate of the Leinster Street Baptist Church in St. John for the purpose of going out as a Foreign Missionary. He has been a successful pastor, and is much beloved by his people. He has had this intention for several years past. He goes out under the name of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

The Mayor of St. John, has issued 117 tavern licenses this year. Last year there were 132.

A fertilizer factory is being built at Grand Manan.

The St. John fishermen continue to have unprecedented luck in the harbor shad fishing.

It is said there are in St. John nearly 700 voters less than there were in the fall of 1878.

57,100 lbs. or over 28½ tons, of maple sugar was made this season by the sugar makers at Mapleton, this is far below the average.

## \$30.00 Worth of New and Popular Music for \$1.00.

Thomas Brothers' Musical Journal for March is undoubtedly the finest and best journal of its kind published. The reading matter is varied and original, being news from all parts of the world. The Journal will have a new feature this year in being beautifully illustrated and printed on fine heavy calendered paper. Each number will have in it over *Two Dollars* worth of Sheet music, printed from our best plates; and as you receive one number each month, at the end of each year you have for binding one of the finest collections of vocal and instrumental music imaginable. Don't fail to subscribe for the Journal at once. Price per year, *One Dollar*; or with a beautiful Chromo, *22x36*, *One Dollar and Thirty-five cents*, the 35c. being the actual cost of packing and postage or express on the Chromo. Sample copy of the Journal, 10c. We want an agent in every village and city in the United States and Canada to take subscriptions for the Journal.

Address JAS. H. THOMAS, Successor to Thomas Brothers, Catskill, N. Y., U. S. A. April 5. 4 ins. eow.

Argument in company is generally the worst kind of conversation, and in books the worst of reading.

## News of the World.

In the House of Lords on Monday week, Lord Dalhousie moved the second reading of the bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The motion was lost by 128 yeas to 132 nays.

Lord Kimberly, Colonial Secretary, intimated that the Royal assent would be given to the Canadian Deceased Wife's Sister's Bill.

The details of the Irish Repeal Bill have been before the House of Commons during last week.

The Irish Bishops have issued an address to their flocks promising the support of the clergy to the people in peacefully agitating for their rights, but condemning as the worst enemies to their countrymen those who recommend illegal courses, particularly those belonging to secret societies.

Mr. Parnell, speaking of Mr. Gladstone in Parliament recently said: "We have been contending against the honorable gentleman for the last two years. We have found him to be a great and strong man."

The crop reports show that in France, Holland and Germany the condition is highly favorable. Opposite rains in Southern Russia caused a renewal of favorable progress. The weather in England the last few days has been extraordinarily cold, checking vegetation.

Serious insurrections have taken place at Alexandria and Cairo but it is affirmed that they do not arise from political causes.

The *Daily News* Alexandria despatch states that not only women and children are leaving the country, but men with large material interests in Egypt are begging passages and leaving their property behind.

Admiral Seymour has sent the steamer *Maringo* to convey fugitives from Egypt.

Five large ships have sailed East from Gibraltar.

The *Times* Berlin despatch says: "It is proposed, seemingly at the suggestion of France, to hold the conference on the Egyptian question at Paris, and not at Constantinople."

The number of Europeans killed on Sunday is now estimated at 340. Many were thrown into the sea and are being daily washed ashore.

The British consul was dragged from his carriage and beaten, four hundred and thirty of the ringleaders of Sunday's riot had been arrested and would be placed on a ship in the harbor, where they would be well guarded.

In the House of Commons on Monday Sir Charles Dilke read telegrams from Alexandria stating that the Vice-Consul was convalescent.

The number of persons drowned by a recent flood at Verseez, Hungary was 44.

A demonstration in memory of Garibaldi took place on Sunday week at Rome. There was an immense procession, in which a large number of societies, with banners, etc., took part.

A telegram from Denver, says one of the heaviest rain storms ever known in this section, accompanied by water-spouts, swept over Denver, on Monday, doing thousands of dollars worth of damage. Several houses near the Platte River were swept away. The bodies of two men named Ludwig, who were in one of the houses, have been recovered. The bodies of three children drowned have not yet been found. It is feared that other lives were lost. At Golden several houses were washed away. The Cambrian fire-brick works were struck by lightning and completely destroyed.

Heavy rains have prevailed in Illinois and Wisconsin, by which the crops have been seriously damaged. Five thousand acres of corn were overflown in Indiana, and a number of lives were lost by the floods.

Most damage has been done by forest fires in Indiana and Wisconsin, causing the destruction of many cattle.

The Highest Award.—That *Pottner's Emulsion* stands to-day higher and firmer ahead of any other compound of the kind, and is acknowledged by the profession to be the most reliable in the treatment of *Wasting, Scrofula, and Children's Diseases*, and diseases of the Nervous System, where the brain is overworked, and the general system run down for the want of *Phosphorus*, which is the only *Nerve Tonic*.

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