

For the Christian Messenger.

The Pulpit as seen from the Pew.

Mr. Editor,— I think the above is the title of a book published not long since, but I shall not plagiarize anything more than the title, for I have never seen the book...

to satisfy the demand. The honest effort will go a long way towards giving satisfaction, if the sermon does not. Now the pulpit will please remember that we do not call upon it to demolish Huxley and Darwin...

If the court will please defer judgment a short time, we may, perhaps, think of something else. Jan. 10, 1882. PEW.

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COUNT CAMPELLO.

There has been quite a stir caused in Rome of late by the withdrawal from the Roman Catholic Church of Count Campello, a nobleman, and a Canon of St. Peter's...

He was invited to a formal dinner-party at Cardinal Borromeo's (Arch-priest of St. Peter's) but a few days before he resigned his post; and the very same day he was visited by the Monsignori, who are the Secretaries respectively of the Vicariate and the Chapter of St. Peter's...

Count Enrico di Campello was born in Rome, Nov. 15, 1831. At his baptism Prince Henry of Prussia, uncle of the present Emperor, took the place of godfather. At the age of nine, he was sent to the noble College of the Nazarene, the rector of which, Father Checucci, wrote in 1869, stating that the college was proud to have had him among its best students...

In 1861, he was made Canon of the Patriarchal Librarian Basilica, where he was coldly received by the ecclesiastical exquisites, the love of preaching, which he had manifested, being adjudged to be "derogatory to the lofty dignity of a prelate."

who, neglected by theocratic pride, and despised like many sheep, lead solitary lives, surrounded by an elect army of true believers—their cherished books, while they pass through "a constant alternation of hopes and disillusion" as to the reformation of the Church...

I go forth out of the ranks of the Roman clergy to war in those of the pure Gospel of Christ, remaining thus faithful to my vocation, and persuaded that in this course I shall find peace to my soul; for strong in the teaching of the Divine Master, neither adulterated nor counterfeited, it will be given to me, with head erect, to profess myself a Christian without hypocrisy...

The clerical press has declared that "the galley and the prison, ay, and even the chokings of a man being hanged," are "the only valid arguments to put to silence such a mind."

We commend the following to the serious consideration of the brethren. The trouble with us, we believe, that so many of the people in our congregations fail to do anything for the benevolent work of the body. Efforts should be made to reach and interest those who are not interested, and do not have the matter presented to them.

Home Missions.

A COMPARISON.

A comparison of the following figures shows that the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces are still far behind their brethren of the State of Maine, and also of the Upper Provinces in their appropriations for Home Mission work.

For the year ending Oct. 1881, the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, numbering 26,376 members, expended about \$7,572.87.

The expenditure of the Maritime Baptists, numbering 38,410 members, for the year ending July 31st, 1881, was \$4,285.93.

Thus while Maine Baptists expend in Home Mission work a sum equal to about 25 cents from each member, and Ontario and Quebec Baptists a sum equal to 28 cents, we only expend a sum equal to 11 cents.

Brethren it is not pleasant to make this comparison, but I do it with the hope that all may see the need of enlarged contributions for our benevolent work.

The Board asked last year for \$7,000, a little less than 20 cents from each member, and you gave them a little upwards of \$4,000, will you not try and double that amount this year?

A. COHOON, Cor. Secretary. Hebron, Yr. Co. Feb. 10, 1882.

The excellent Essay by Rev. C. Goodspeed will be read with profit by others as well as ministers. It is well worthy of a second perusal, and will do good to the "pew" as well as the "pulpit."

With many smokers there is a sort of carelessness about who may suffer inconvenience from the fire or smoke of their pipes, cigars or cigarettes, that would lead to the supposition that persons who do not smoke have no right to be considered, and that the latter have only to keep clear of sparks and smoke, if they dislike them.

We have been led to these reflections by the following sad case which lately appeared in the Ontario papers:

Patrick Sullivan and his wife have until lately lived in the Burwell Settlement, in the township of Caradoc, but during yesterday were engaged in moving a short distance away to a new homestead. They were riding along in a wagon, in the bottom of which was a quantity of straw.

DR. MCGREGOR urges that the Government should connect a Technical School with Dalhousie College, because by this arrangement the services of the Professors in the Arts Course would be available for the Technical students. This must mean that the Arts Professors of Dalhousie are able to carry on additional classes, or that the Technical students must take the same courses in certain studies as the Arts students.

We have received a number of large blue books from the Dominion Parliament, and some from our Local Legislature. To examine them carefully would take weeks of close application.

Rev. Wilton R. Boone, formerly pastor of the African Baptist Church, Cornwallis Street, is now pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Cincinnati.

Mails, a week overdue, arrived at Canso on Saturday last by a dog-team.

A PLEASANT GATHERING.

We have much pleasure in copying the following from the Yarmouth Herald of the 9th inst.

On Tuesday evening last a large number of the friends of Rev. Dr. Day, comprising members of the various Baptist churches and congregations in town, assembled at his residence for the purpose of conveying to the Doctor tokens of their good will and esteem.

CHURCH-GOING STATISTICS.

Efforts have been lately employed in many of the larger towns and cities of England and Scotland to get at what proportion of the population are accustomed to attend public worship. In many of these places there have been discoveries made that a very large proportion of the people are not accustomed to attend any place of worship on the Lord's Day.

After deducting one-third from the total, which is regarded as a fair allowance for the number of persons who went twice or oftener during the day, it was ascertained that 38,835 of the city's population of 86,445 attended church on Sunday last.

Table with 4 columns: DENOMINATION, Churches, Capacity, Total attendance. Rows include Church of England, Canada Methodist, Primitive, B. M. Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Reformed Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Catholic Apostolic, Unitarian, Bible Christian, Disciples of Christ, The Brethren, The Friends, Swedenborgian, Jewish, and Christadelphian.

\*The Synagogue was taken on Saturday. SUMMARY. Number of churches, 75. Accommodation (seats), 49,860. Total attendance (morning and evening), 58,194. Real attendance, 38,835. Population of Toronto, 86,445. Percentage of church-goers, 44.92. Percentage to accommodation, 77.9.

Our friend "Pew" talks to the Pulpit like a book, but not like speaking out in meeting. Intercourse between the two is very desirable, and we hope this may be beneficial to both.

FACTS AND FICTIONS OF ZOOLOGY: by Andrew Wilson, Ph. D. This is No. 29 of the Humbolt Library, a new republication in pamphlet form of a valuable contribution to Science.

Rev. Johnstone, colored, on the Guysboro Road was totally destroyed by fire. His parents, being helpless, from old age, perished in the flames. The son in his endeavors to rescue them was badly burned.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

Our Legislature have been engaged with Local and City of Halifax Bills. The Assessment Bill is a very lengthy affair. It is doubtful if it will be adopted.

The Railway Bill is before the Legislative Council. In the course of the discussion of the Bill on Thursday last, the Hon. Mr. Cochran moved a lengthy amendment closing as follows:

That this House believes that it is not necessary nor expedient to impose on the Province the enormous responsibility proposed by the bill, and that for the reasons herein set forth the further consideration of the bill now before the House be deferred to this day six months.

On MONDAY morning speeches were made by the Hon. Messrs. Dickey, Fraser, McCurdy, and Morrison, against the Railway bill; and by Hon. Messrs. Whitman, Owen, and J. S. MacDonald in favor. It was expected that the Council would come to a decision yesterday afternoon.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons the time has been largely occupied in receiving petitions, and in members asking questions and getting replies as to what the Government intend to do.

Mr. Daly asked whether it is the intention of the Government to provide for telegraphic communication with Sable Island by means of a submarine cable.

Sir H. Langevin replied that the matter was still under the consideration of the Government, and Parliament would probably be asked to vote a sum for that purpose.

Mr. Wheeler asked whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present year, to increase the salaries of postmasters outside of towns and cities, in accordance with the increased revenue of that department.

Mr. O'Connor replied that postmasters' salaries were made up of a percentage of business in proportion as the business at the offices increased.

The correspondence passing through the Post Office last year was fifty per cent. in excess of 1880.

On THURSDAY, a bill was introduced by Mr. Girouard, entitled "An Act concerning marriage with a deceased wife's sister."

Mr. Blake asked if the latter was the same as one introduced last year. Mr. Girouard replied that it was not. The portion respecting marriage with a deceased's brother-in-law had been eliminated. There was nothing in the bill that would interfere with vested rights (laughter).

A large number of Returns and Reports have been laid upon the table. Mr. O'Connor in reply to a question from Mr. Trow said the Government had under consideration, the abolishing of the postage on newspapers in the counties of publication.

Mr. Pope in reply to Mr. DeCosmos said approximate population of British Columbia was 49,459. The total number of Chinese was 4,320, and the total of Indians 25,901.

The following Nova Scotians have been elected officers of the Dominion Temperance Alliance:—Hon. A. W. McLellan, Senator McLennan, Hon. Sam. Creelman, Silas T. R. Bill, M. P., Thos. Robertson, M. P., J. E. Butler, Dr. Burns, P. Monaghan, T. M. King, and J. Parsons.

News of the Churches.

The following extract of a letter from Rev. F. Beattie will interest our readers:

KINGSTON, Feb. 10, 1882. "I am just about closing my first year here and some time ago engaged for a second. The past has been a pleasant year, yet one of incessant labour. The field embraces about 180 families, and as it was virtually about one year pastorless, it required some waking up. My relations with Rev. E. O. Reid have been of the pleasantest character. He is a brother whom I highly respect and love. His health has improved, but there is no sensible improvement of voice.

We have held some special meetings during the winter and are still so engaged, but compelled to suspend a short time on account of roads, which at date are impassable.

Some have professed conversion and a number are looking Zionwards. About entering our second year we can only say the outlook is more encouraging than at the first."

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