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News from the Churches.

MELVERN SQUARE.—Rev. John Rowe, now occupying the field vacated by Rev. W. E. Hall, seems to be very highly prized in all the branches of this extensive church, and is evidently doing good service for the Master. The Thanksgiving day was duly observed, and suitable addresses made during the evening service.

BROOKFIELD, QUEENS CO.—Rev. Mr. Fletcher occupies this interesting field, and has endeared himself to the hearts of his people by his earnest labors for their good. Their Sunday School and prayer meetings are well sustained, a good index to the church. These are great helps as workers, which give courage to the pastor. Twenty-three years ago we attended one of their annual Sabbath School gatherings in this place, at which time we were convinced a good foundation was being laid for future usefulness. At the close of the lesson the Superintendent called classes Nos. 1 to 10, when each class headed by the teacher quietly took the body pews, to be together for the interesting closing exercises. On the next call of numbers the corresponding teacher and class arose and repeated each a Scripture verse. A few verses were spiritedly sung, when, after a brief prayer, all passed quietly out, the whole occupying but a few moments, yet very pleasantly and profitably spent. Country schools would do well to pattern after this school.

Our youth.—Too much care cannot be taken to train our youth in our Sunday Schools to good order and proper regard for the day and place, especially when the house of prayer is used for such purpose. "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

W. J. G.

YARMOUTH CO. BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.—According to appointment the Yarmouth Ministerial Conference met with the church at Chegoggin on the 6th inst. Rev. C. Goodspeed, President, the undersigned Secretary.

The morning session was pleasantly and profitably occupied in hearing reports from the different churches, which on the whole were hopeful.

The afternoon session was devoted to the consideration of the skeleton of a sermon by Rev. A. E. Ingram, text, 1 Kings ii. 1, 2; subject, "True Manliness." Also a very suggestive paper by Rev. J. I. DeWolf; subject, "Ministerial Consecration." The question of "Revivals and how to conduct them," was opened by Rev. J. L. M. Young. The discussion on the above subject was participated in by all the pastors present, as well as by Deacon Corning, a faithful standard-bearer of the church with whom we met.

In the evening we listened to a sermon by Rev. J. L. M. Young, text, Mark xii. 30; subject, "The universal obligation to love God." After singing and prayer, the Conference adjourned to meet again with the Ohio Church next quarter.

J. A. GORDON,
Sec'y. pro tem.

SHELburne, Nov. 12, 1883.—Dear Editor,—We have been here a few days, and are trying to get settled. The weather is beautiful, and although the leaves have fallen from the trees in the streets, the town looks clean and nice. I understand that eight vessels have been launched from the yards here since spring and it is supposed that about an equal number will be put off during the fall and winter.

Interest in religion is quiet, but we hope for brighter days. Our lot seems to be cast among kind and sympathetic

people, who are interested in the Redeemer's cause.

Please address my MESSENGER to Shelburne.
Yours, &c.,
L. M. WEEKS.

We have received a copy of the *Nebraska Visitor*, a monthly paper full of intelligence of the Baptist churches in that distant State. The first Nebraska Baptist Association, composed of about a dozen churches, held its anniversary on the 12th of October at Ashland. The reports showed an increase of 99 members, and a total membership of 806. One afternoon was appropriated to a meeting of the Woman's Mission Society which appears to have been lively and full of interest.

The reports of the State Convention shows that the Baptists there are actively at work giving the gospel to the people and providing for their higher educational advantages. The following resolution adopted will show that they are not indifferent to those who labor amongst them in word and doctrine. It was resolved:

That we put on record our high appreciation of the eminent services of our retiring President, Rev. J. M. T. Galt, in laying deep and broad the religious, moral, and educational foundations of this State, that we express to him our heartfelt thankfulness for the ability, wisdom, the constant fidelity, the personal sacrifices often with which he has discharged the duties of his office, and that whatever prosperity may come to us in the future, we shall regard him as one of the most effective influences under God in bringing it to pass.

Mr. H. E. S. MADER, whilst at the Baptist College, Toronto, is also engaged to labor with a church about nine miles from Toronto during the time of his stay there. This is quite encouraging to a N. S. student. May he have an abundant blessing on his labors.

ONE of the students at McMaster Hall writes: "I am pleased to see how many persons read the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER closely and carefully in the College Reading Room."

THE Baptist Church at Jeddore are busily engaged in building a new House of Worship on the West side. They are an enterprising, active people. Mr. H. E. S. Mader, who has labored so successfully with them for some time past, is spending the winter in the Theological School at McMaster Hall, Toronto.

Correspondence.
For the Christian Messenger.

On the Situation.
Dear Editor,—

It is not a matter of regret that those who claim some common sense as well as a degree of the peace-loving spirit of the Master, should by the fact and method of the discussion by which our denomination is at present agitated in these Provinces, prove themselves so devoid of the proper fruit of both?

Does it not betray a great degree of weakness if not wickedness to paint the real or imaginary mistakes of our brethren in more hideous colors and submit them for attention and criticism of those who take no lively interest in our welfare, rendering us all objects of ridicule and contempt and not of approval or admiration?

It may or may not be a mistake for the Governors of Acadia College to have established this new chair. In any case it seems to me that the most excellent way for those who do not approve of the action is not the present method of agitation, inasmuch as it to some extent at least, retards the inflow of contributions to every department of denominational work.

It does not follow that because we had no such chair in our College in the past we did not need it then, and do

not need it now. Between us and perfection in the past there was a considerable stretch, and still there is room for advancement. Does it follow that because other Colleges do not have such a chair, therefore we should not? It is this spirit and policy of following when we might and ought to lead that has left us where we are to-day.

I cannot see the use or sense of appointing Boards to carry forward work on our behalf if we cannot trust their piety, honesty, and judgement. We cannot afford to suspect our brethren of selfishness or duplicity. Suspicion finds its home in the bosom of a person who lacks only the opportunity to do the mean thing.

It requires time to demonstrate the wisdom or imprudence of the course pursued by the Governors of Acadia College. The experience which we had three years ago as a result of hasty censure ought to suffice for some time to come.

Whether the agitators be few or many, of great or little judgment, the public they seek to agitate are left almost altogether to conjecture. The thick wall "anonymity" behind which they hide is not to my mind consistent with the independence, principle and conscience which they so loudly profess. Would it not be more in keeping with these ideas for those who are so loud in their condemnation of the Governors' actions if they stepped out into the clear sunlight that we might know whether they are safe leaders for us to follow or not.

It requires but a very small capital of common sense or grace to engage in the work of obstruction or destruction; fault finding is a cheap and easy, though not a very royal, road to notoriety. A little more patient consideration would well serve the purpose of all who have the interest of Zion at heart.

If a little more caution is not exercised a few hot-heads will soon fulfil the text, "If ye bite and devour one another take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."
J. A. GORDON,
Yarmouth, N. S., Nov. 14, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger.
Dear Editor,—

In stating in my letter in your last issue that the children of Acadia are crying for the milk of Modern Languages, Natural Science, &c., I did not mean to give the impression that none of the Natural Sciences are taught there, or to ignore the work that is being done in Chemistry, Physics, and Geology. What I meant to say is that we should provide for a chair in Modern Languages, and additional work in the Natural Sciences before we talk about Didactics. This explanation of my former statement is, I feel, due to the College and also to the instructor in the branches above named.

D. G. MACDONALD,
Sackville, N. B., Nov. 15, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger.
Home Missions.

The November meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on Monday the 12th.

Treasurer's statement showed the receipts of the month to be \$179.10, making the total receipts of the three months of the New Year \$336.36. The receipts for the corresponding quarter of last year were \$741.80. Brethren, how are we to pay a debt of \$600.00 and upwards, and the quarterage now due missionaries at \$336.36?

Reports were received from Brethren Trimble, Sterns, D. Freeman, M. P. Freeman, McGregor, Williams, Jos. Brown, J. W. Brown, and M. Normandy. These reports were of an encouraging character, giving a total of 34 baptisms.

The outlook of our Home Mission work is encouraging. Rev. I. Wallace has entered the service of the Board as a general missionary and will visit some of the pastorless mission fields, and there is hope of securing pastors for some others.

We ask the prayers and co-operation of all who desire the upbuilding of our weak churches. "Come over and help us" and we will strive to do a better work for the destitute portions of our own provinces than we have ever done. Remember we need large contributions at once.

A. CORROON, Cor. Sec'y.
Hebron, Nov. 16, 1883.

In Memoriam.
DEACON JOSEPH SUTHERN.

The church at Westport has sustained a loss not easily repaired in the death of Deacon Joseph Suthern, who departed this life on the evening of the 23rd of October, aged 55 years. Bro. S. was converted in early youth, and had been for many years a consistent and valuable member of the church. A few years ago he was made a deacon, which office he "used well." He was a hopeful, helpful man, was a true friend to the pastor, and deeply interested in the spiritual welfare of the church and the community.

A son of the late Deacon Suthern, who in his day kept the Briar Island light-house, he came to succeed his father in both offices, and while he kept a light burning to warn mariners of danger, his own life was a beacon in a higher and more important sense. Though in failing health for several months, he had been confined to his house for a very short time. Wasting rapidly under that flattering disease—consumption—he did not seem to perceive, what was apparent to his friends, that his end was drawing near. But when a day or two before his death he was forced to believe that the time of his departure was at hand, there was no shrinking or quailing in the presence of the "last enemy." He trusted in his Saviour, and died "in hope of a better resurrection." A widow, three sons, and one daughter, who were fondly attached to the departed, deeply mourn their loss. The funeral services, held Sunday, Oct. 28th, were largely attended. The congregation was addressed by the pastor on the subject of "The Christian's hope and the Christian's inheritance," 1 Peter i. 3, 4.

S. McC. B.
Nov. 2, 1883.

Home News
Nova Scotia.

The City School Commissioners held a meeting on Thursday last—the first one since the new members were appointed. There were eleven members present, Commissioners Ackhurst, Walsh, Read, O'Mullin, Hesselein, McSweeney, Roche, Sedgewick, Nisbet, Woodbury, Inglis and Stephen. Commissioner Ackhurst was unanimously elected chairman of the Board. In the organization of the Board the following Committees were constituted:

Committee on Teachers—Sedgewick, Woodbury, Walsh, Inglis, Roche and Nisbet.
Committee on School Sites and Buildings—Walsh, O'Mullin, Read, Stephen, Hesselein and Nisbet.
Committee on Finance—Inglis, Sedgewick, McSweeney, Read, Roche, and Stephen.
Committee on Printing—McSweeney, Hesselein, O'Mullin and Woodbury.

North District Visiting Committee—Walsh, Nisbet, Woodbury, Inglis and Roche.
Central District Visiting Committee—Sedgewick, Walsh, O'Mullin, Read and Hesselein.

South District Visiting Committee—Woodbury, McSweeney, Read, Hesselein and Sedgewick.

The appointment of a Supervisor of Schools was the first business. In reply to a question as to the necessity for such office it was stated that it was not possible for the Inspector for the county to attend to the Schools in the city as well as to those outside. An official familiar with everything connected with the working of the schools was an absolute necessity. He was also required to give information to the Board when they met for the transaction of business.

The following named gentlemen were the applicants for the office:—
Messrs. F. C. Sumichrast, (city); D. Neish, (city); J. F. Godfrey, (Windsor); Alex. McKay, (Dartmouth); J. T. Melish, (city); Alex. Stewart, M. D.,

(Meagher's Grant, Musquodobit); Prof. J. B. Currie, (city); E. M. Chesley, Yarmouth, and Rev. John Padfield, (city). The first vote was for Currie 4; McKay 4; Sumichrast 3.

The second vote was McKay 6; Sumichrast 5. The chairman declared Mr. McKay elected.

The following resolution was then adopted:—
"That the Secretary be instructed to send to Mr. McKay notice of his appointment, and that his duties as Supervisor commence December 1st.

Also, that the Teachers' Committee advertise for applications to fill the vacancy in the High School caused by Mr. McKay's appointment, the salary of the position to be \$1,250."

The resolution passed without a dissenting voice and the meeting adjourned.

At the meeting of the City Council on Tuesday the 13th inst., a letter was read from Mr. George Thompson, in reference to \$500, which was claimed by Dalhousie College in the Grand Parade matter, was also handed in by His Worship. It was objected to by Ald. MacCoy, on the ground that the city was not in possession of any deed or other papers in the matter, and he thought the Council should pay over no money until such had been presented. Later on in the meeting the communication was, on motion of Ald. Macintosh, referred to the Recorder for a statement of the position of affairs.

A memorial was read from the Evangelical Alliance, signed by S. L. Shannon, President, and Robt. Murray, Secretary, complaining of the desecration of the Sabbath by shopkeepers, laborers on steamers and vessels and others, and requesting the Council to take some steps in the matter. On motion, it was referred to the committee on Laws and Privileges.

The City Prison report showed the following statistics:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In prison 30th Sept.	21	9	30
Received during Oct 31	19	50	69
Liberated " "	25	12	37
Remaining at end " 27	16	43	59

Amherst has a flourishing Literary Society. The two last meetings were occupied by a discussion on the subject of Protection vs. Free Trade, on Friday week Messrs. Stanley Thompson, W. H. Rogers, jr., A. R. Dickey, and W. H. Rogers, sr., spoke strongly in favor of Protection for Canada; and Messrs. Wm. McCully, T. H. Hodgson, and J. McKen argued in favor of Free Trade. The membership increases with each meeting, and the society is a grand success.

The Schooner Sailor's Home, Captain Young, from Labrador, consigned to John Silver & Co., while beating up Halifax harbor on Friday morning during the snow storm, ran on the shoals at Point Pleasant. A tug boat was sent for and went to her aid but was unable to get her off till night when she was taken off by the A. C. Whitney, without damage.

A barn owned by Henry Keeler, situate on the Montague road Dartmouth, was burned to the ground on Saturday evening, caused by the accidental upsetting of a lamp. Insured for \$200.

The Dykes at Cornwallis and Grand Pre were greatly damaged by the heavy gales and storms of last week. Twenty five stacks about 100 tons of hay were washed away from the latter. The tides are said to have been higher than any known since the Saxby storm in 1869.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE.—Rev. W. E. Gifford, while pastor of M. E. Church, Bothwell, suffered from chronic dyspepsia so badly as to render life almost a burden. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

A few days ago a man named John Gillis had his arm so severely injured on the railroad at Glace, Digby Co., that amputation was found necessary.

At Windsor on Friday last, there was a strong north westerly wind and the tides on the Avon were the highest known for years, and it was feared some damage would be done to the dykes. Winter has set in with so little warning that many of the farmers have not gathered their turnip crops.

There was six inches of snow on Friday.

A new term schooner of 400 tons register was launched at Hantsport and came to Windsor on Friday last. She is owned by Mr. North and Allen Haley M. P. and others.

The Cumberland Coal and Railway Company has finished laying the steel rails between Parrsboro and Spring Hill, and has now a good road.

A PRAISEWORTHY OBJECT.—"None name it but to praise." This is true of that unsurpassed remedy, "Hayward's Yellow Oil." It cures pain and inflammation, whether from sprain, burn, bruise, or frost bite, lame back, rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, croup, deafness, and is for internal and external use.

FLIES AND BUGS.—Flies, roaches, ants, bed-bugs, rats, mice, gophers, chipmunks, cleared out by "Rough on Rats." 10c.

The wreck of a large timber laden ship is reported at Meat Cove on Tuesday of last week. The destruction of the vessel is so complete that it is impossible to make out her name or class. The wreck of the hull, rigging and cargo are scattered along the shore about five miles from the station, and not a trace can be found of any of the crew.

The Quebec Chronicle says: It is reported that the Government has subsidized a new line of steamers between Ronen and Montreal in summer, and Halifax in winter.

The superintendent of the Oxford Gold Mine, East Chezzetcook, brought to Halifax, on Monday 12th a bar of gold weighing 197 1/2 oz., the result of two weeks' work, or yield of 90 tons of quartz.

Avoid the harsh, irritating, griping compounds so often sold as purging medicines, and correct the irregularities of the bowels by the use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills, which are mild and gentle, yet thorough and searching, in their action.

COLLAPSE OF A SILVER MINE.—Heavy loss to Nova Scotians who sent their Money to Mexico.—The Wolfville correspondent of the St. John Telegraph says: The collapse of the Sonora Mining Company created quite a sensation in this place and the neighboring county. The representation of agents caused the stock to sell rapidly, and many invested their surplus cash, the hard earnings of years, while several farmers even mortgaged their farms to raise money to invest. The loss to King's county will probably exceed \$150,000.

The Episcopal congregation, Yarmouth has instructed the church warden to advertise for a rector as successor to the late Rev. Dr. Moody. It was thought that the curate, Rev. Mr. Shreve, would have been Dr. Moody's successor. But the congregation appear to want a rector more in sympathy with the evangelical church party.—Ez.

MILTON, QUEENS CO., Nov. 14 1883.—Rev. C. B. R. Dodge seems to be very highly prized here. Financially Milton is looking up, the projected Pulp Mills and Paper Mills to be put in operation by a wealthy English Co., of large Capital will give employment for over 200 hands to start with. The water privileges for some miles have been secured. Milton people deserve prosperity, they are an industrious enterprising people and no doubt ere long will regain their former good financial standing.

I certify that I obtained immediate relief during a severe case of bronchitis, when in Camp Sussex this year, by the application of Minard's Liniment.
C. CREW-READ, Lieut.-COL.

A REMARKABLE FACT.—It is a remarkable fact W. A. Edgers, of Frankville, who was so far gone with liver and kidney complaint that his life was despaired of, was cured with four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters. At one time he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels.

New Brunswick.

A young man named George Rideout, belonging to Parrsboro, had three fingers shot off by the accidental discharge of his gun, while attempting to shoot a porcupine at the "Long Reach" on Monday last. He came to St. John on the following day and had his hand dressed by Dr. Hetherington.

Dominion of Canada.

The Marquis of Lansdowne and lady visited St. Patrick's bazaar on Wednesday, made many purchases, and gave fifty dollars to the fund.

The Carleton County Council, accompanied by Sir John Macdonald, presented an address to Lord Lansdowne on Wednesday last. He made a long and happy reply, alluding to the success of local self-government in Canada—a problem not yet solved in the old country.

The Canada Pacific Railway are said to have engaged 1,000 men to work on the track near Lake Superior. On the men arriving there they found neither food, work nor shelter. An attack on the company's stores and a riot ensued, in which two men were fatally injured.

The men returned to Montreal give barrowing accounts of the privations, and some eight hundred of them have individual actions in the Circuit Court against the company for pay and damages. The men are French Canadians.

The Government organs state that no important changes in the tariff will be made next session.

A nugget of gold, weighing 20 ozs. valued \$360, has been taken out of River Gilbert at Beauce, Quebec.

Mr. Pope, acting Minister of Railways, is authority for saying that the Government have not decided against the construction of a bridge across the St. Lawrence at Ogden's Island, on the line of the Ottawa, Waddington and New York Railway. He admits that the report of the engineer was against the undertaking, but the members of the Government have not yet come to a final decision.