

The Christian Messenger.

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COMPROMISING FOR UNION.

At this season of the year it is customary for the different evangelical denominations to unite in special religious services with a view to the spiritual improvement of the churches and the conversion of souls.

The warm sympathies aroused in the hearts of many of our brethren during these meetings will doubtless lead them not only to desire a more complete union with brethren who differ in creed from us, but also to be willing to make some actual advances toward the consummation of that union.

The important practical question which should now be studied by the various friendly denominations is, What can we do in the way of removing all obstacles which prevent this desired union among God's people?

It is evident that if ever a real union shall be reached on earth it must be one of perfect agreement in both doctrine and practice, or at least a cordial agreement in the great ground-truths of Christianity.

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Testament baptism lies at the bottom of our chief differences with other denominations. The simple question to be decided is, Are we right in our interpretation of the teachings of God's word relative to Baptism, or are Pedobaptists right?

But by whom shall the question be decided? We must conscientiously, as in the sight of God, decide it for ourselves. Other denominations must do the same for themselves.

The most remarkable fact, however, in this important discussion is that the most candid and scholarly men of other denominations frankly concede that our views of Scriptural baptism are right.

Forgetting denominational names, let all the followers of Jesus implicitly follow the teachings of the inspired Word, adding nothing thereto and taking nothing therefrom.

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We are pleased to learn that the church at Bridgetown is enjoying a season of refreshing. A large gathering of friends recently waited on the pastor, Rev. W. H. Warren, and placed him in possession of \$92.00; whilst Mrs. Warren was presented with a beautiful and valuable fur muff, Harper's Monthly Magazine for the current year, and a pair of fine vases.

DARTMOUTH has had its periodical wave in the endeavour to secure railway connection with the I. C. R. and W. & A. lines. Each yearly wave advances the cause, and it is now believed by many that before the close of another year the iron horse will be snorting across the harbor from the eastern side, trotting on nearer to the seaboard than that on the western side.

The meeting on Thursday evening was a most enthusiastic and unanimous one. Last year it was believed that this connection would be given by the Syndicate Scheme going into effect, one of its provisions being to give a branch line from the Grand Lake into Dartmouth.

John Y. Payzant, Esq., the Warden was called to the chair. He read a letter he had received from Mr. Plunkett, stating the Syndicate were intending to proceed with the work so soon as the arrangements were completed.

The meeting was addressed by J.F. Stairs, Esq., Judge James, Councillor Weston, Geo. J. Troop, J. Forbes, J. G. Foster, Hon. Dr. Parker and others. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting affirm the willingness of the ratepayers to pay \$4,000 per year for 20 years, either to the Dominion Government or any responsible company, in the event of the town being connected with the general railway system of the country, and that the Council be authorized to procure such legislation as will enable the town to avail itself of the first substantial opportunity that presents itself for the construction of the road on such basis.

A FEW weeks ago we copied from our St. John contemporary an article stating that \$20,000 had been given by Mr. Jacob Bradshaw for missionary purposes, one half to be devoted to Foreign Missions and the other half to the Home Mission Board according to certain conditions.

The sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars is to be invested by the Foreign Mission Board in perpetuity, and is to be known as "The Jacob Bradshaw Memorial Fund." The interest only is to be used.

At his death the interest of half the amount is to be applied to the prosecution of Foreign Missions, and the interest of the remaining half is to be applied to the furtherance of Home Mission work in New Brunswick, in addition to the regular and proportionate appropriations made by the Convention Home Mission Board to this Province.

MISS HARRIET COLE departed this life on the 30th of Jan., 1883. Our sister was an invalid for eighteen years and suffered severely, yet was sustained by the power and grace of the Saviour in whom she trusted.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. G. F. Currie of the Canadian Mission to the Telegus writes to the Link:

Three days ago I started on a short tour in a part of the field not before visited, nearly north of Tuni. After several hours' travelling in the saddle—crossing fields by narrow paths, and fording rivers and ditches, our temporary lodging place—a vacant bungalow attached to an indigo factory—was reached in safety.

We had been preaching in the surrounding villages, and have had much encouragement from the interest with which the people listen to the truth. The gospel is so new to them, and so entirely different from all that they have been accustomed to hear from their infancy, that the story needs to be told many times before they can grasp and retain it.

The impression is daily deepening in my mind that in Tekkally and the other important towns of this field, we ought to and must have preachers doing constant work for Christ. There is Kimidi, beautiful for situation, without a single Christian worker.

Our friend, Rev. Dr. Bill, of St. Martins, N. B., called at our office on Monday. We very much regret that we were not in, and were therefore disappointed in meeting him.

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An accident occurred on Friday last in the Severn Tunnel works. Four men were killed outright, and seven others will die. Thirty thousand tons of new shipping have been ordered in the Clyde during the past fortnight, including two steamers for the North German Company.

France is still disturbed by the Monarchists. The Advocate General has refused to make known the case of Prince Napoleon to the Prince's lawyers, Prince Jerome denies that he aspires to the French dynasty by divine right.

Professor Wiggins' prophecies for Feb. 8th and 9th, entirely failed in Nova Scotia. Instead of a storm on Friday and a heavy thaw on Saturday, we had a most beautiful day on Friday and on Saturday we had the coldest day of the season.

A CARD from Rev. J. C. Archibald,

dated Bimlipatam, Jan. 2, says: Dear Bro. Selden,—

Arrived here to-day. Mr. Sanford is away to Calcutta. His native preacher and teachers have rendered me all needed aid. The bullock bandies are ready, and now I must start for Bobbili. Expect to arrive there Thursday ev'g. Had a pleasant passage from Madras in the "Scindia." Had a favorable opportunity of visiting Cocanada and Samulcotta yesterday.

The Morning Herald difficulties appear to have been settled by the retirement of a number of the Directors from the Company. The editor J. J. Stewart, Esq., resumed his duties on Monday, but does not hold himself responsible for what has appeared in the paper since Nov. 17th.

A capital article on the late "Reception" at Wolfville is received. We regret that we are obliged to defer its insertion till next week. An article on "Ecclesiastical Fairs," and one "On the subject of Wills" are also unavoidably crowded out this week.

Our thanks are due to the Rev Rufus Sanford for sending us by the last mail copies of the Indian Witness, published in Calcutta, giving a full report of the Decennial Conference of missionaries of all denominations held in Calcutta in the last week in December. Mr. S. was in attendance at the Conference.

News of the World.

Lord Dufferin, now in Egypt, representing the British Government, has drafted a despatch enforcing the necessity of protecting the Government of Egypt against external intrigue and internal weakness until it is able to stand alone. He condemns alike premature abandonment of responsibility and annexation.

Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is now in London. He has been meeting with the Cabinet Council. He was escorted to and from the meetings by Irish detectives. There have been ninety agrarian outrages in Ireland during January.

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The tribunal has quashed the indictment against Prince Napoleon, and he was released on Friday afternoon. There is an impression that the army does not like the Expulsion Bill. Intimation to this effect has been conveyed to President Grevy. The Czar has issued his manifesto giving notice of his coronation at Moscow on the 27th of May.

The Russian police claim that they have destroyed Nihilism. The Czar walks the streets of St. Petersburg without an armed escort. The Emperor of China on Tuesday last telegraphed his congratulation to the Crown Prince, Frederick William, of Germany, on the occasion of the latter's silver wedding.

The Ohio River is still in a fearfully swollen condition, more than ever before known. Last week the city of Pomeroy was completely under water, and the entire people were compelled to seek safety on hill-tops. Twenty-eight salt works were under water. Rolling mills and newspaper building were washed out.

At Chicago great anxiety was felt lest the city supply should be cut off. Four men were employed keeping the inlets clear to the tunnel. More help was needed, but it was impossible to reach the crib on account of the ice. If the inlets clog the water supply would be cut off.

A premature blast at Logan Colliery on Wednesday buried seven miners under coal and rock. Three men were taken out dead; others severely injured. A stage was caught in a Montana blizzard on Thursday, and passengers, driver and horses were frozen to death.

Twelve rubber factories in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts will close on Saturday by agreement, throwing 8,000 persons out of employment. The object is to compel a decline in the cost of the crude article, which is said to be controlled by cliques.

A despatch from Melbourne, Australia, on Wednesday last said: The returns of the elections for members of the Colonial Parliament foreshadow the defeat of the Government.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

KINGS COUNTY ITEMS.—A young woman, daughter of Jeremiah Foote, Chipman Brook, was fatally injured by a kick from a horse, while driving in a sled on the 2nd inst. She survived only a few days after the accident.

Mrs. George Best, Aylesford, broke her thigh a few days ago by falling on the ice. A Basket Sociable was held under the auspices of Aurora Division, S. of T., at Berwick, on the evening of the 7th inst., to raise funds for Division purposes, and had a very enthusiastic sale.

Two convictions under the Scott Act were obtained before the Stipendiary Magistrate at Canning on the 8th inst. Three young persons were baptized by Rev. James E. Blakeney on the 4th inst. at Grafton.

The oldest person in this county is Mrs. Taylor, aged over 102 years, living at South Berwick. Mr. Benjamin Foster, a brother of hers, died at Berwick last summer, over 100 years of age.

The Kentville Academy was burned to the ground on Saturday week. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary, although it is difficult to discover what motive any one could have in destroying the property.

Decline of Man.—Nervous Weakness, Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility, cured by "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. 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.

Thomas Sarmatta on arrival attracted him. The N. a success evening, School on an average. The H. its last making mer direct, Kenny, J. electing. No other Ayer's C. and all d organs to all ordi and it aff tic and stages of. It is a Cure is a merchant severe at by Hag great the weak lucid, and. The H. ed to con first of no. A sad Digby, lake and at a dance latter is. Halifax to interfe we have 15 to 18 on Satur so little no ice of remain, formed in the north clear. Mr. T. ance in a day after. The divi Causes of quences, eloquent. POPUL The real universal certain in their bowls coated, r. John Halifax, ment of severe at pronounced all to with the. FILES ants, be chipmunk Rats. A FR name it that uns Yellow C mation, w or frost, neuralgia, and is fo. Dr. C. Spavin C thousand the same. If a who drink the font posterity misfortune done, blood, the appetite. KIDNEY Retention Gravel, \$1. Moncton fire on Sp Intercol destroyed by contact wood work pipes be was got o able booc believed vaults. The bu the wall 1873 by t was first b was built brick on trimming by seven high. The fire thou sured. Ten thous furnished. A SACK secret of tions and face, may Blood Bi land, ce this rem years. The Bu ing his l it in orde Greek fa "unpale and liber. A Wom Gifford, Rothwell, sta so had burden. Blood Bit.