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News from the Churches.

NEW HARBOUR.—Rev. D. McLeod writes on the 7th inst.: At Tor Bay on Lord's Day, the 5th inst., it was my privilege to baptize another rejoicing believer in the presence of a large concourse of people who behaved with Christian deportment. More are earnestly seeking the Saviour. I expect soon to baptize again in that place. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear." "He shall not fail or be discouraged till he have set judgment in the earth; and the Isles shall wait for his law."

ST. JOHN N. B.—A correspondent writes: "I am sorry that I cannot at this time report any special interest in the churches here. Rev. Mr. Cross, pastor of the Germain St. Church has returned from his visit to England much improved, and is again in the harness. The members of his church and congregation gave him a warm welcome on his return. Although the church has not had many additions to its membership of late, it has nevertheless been united and strengthened under Brother Cross's labors."

BRUSSELS ST. CHURCH. under the pastoral care of Dr. Hopper, assisted by Rev. Mr. Nobles, is in a flourishing condition. Dr. Hopper preaches to the largest Baptist audience in the city. The Sabbath School in connection with this church, under the superintendence of Bro. J. C. Dumaresq, formerly of Halifax, is the largest here, and has an average attendance of over 200 children. The church have decided to expend \$2000 in improvements on their edifice.

REV. J. F. BARTLETT, the new pastor of Leinster St. Church is having good success. Bro. B. undertook the difficult task of filling a popular man's place, and is succeeding admirably.

Altogether the cause in the city is in a healthy condition, and much good is being accomplished. Bro. Cahill in Carleton, and Bro. Camp in Fairville are winning golden opinions. Brother Stewart, of Portland is much blessed in his work, several have been added to the church of late by baptism, and old feuds which for years marred the harmony of the church have disappeared.

The Seminary under the care of Prof. McVicar promises to open with renewed vigor. A large building has been leased which in addition to class rooms will accommodate 75 boarders. The entire building will be under the superintendence of Principal McVicar.

PORT ELGIN, N. B.—Dear Bro. Selden.—Yesterday was "a red letter day" in the history of Port Elgin. Bro. Ford (Lic.) of East Point, P.E.I., student in class '85 at Acadia is spending his vacation there. On Lord's day 5th inst., Bro. Ford and I exchanged pulpits. I felt and saw, on that day, that the Lord was in the place. I assisted in meetings all the week and yesterday had the privilege of baptizing eleven happy converts in the presence of the largest gathering of people ever seen there by any one now living. The whole place is moved. All denominations seem happy to see the power of God thus displayed. The administration of baptism yesterday made a profound impression. Brother Ford is doing excellent work. He is beloved by all the people and honoured of God. I purpose helping him this week again and expect a rich harvest of precious fruit. Brethren pray for the missionaries that are labouring under the Board, and pay your tithes into the Lord's treasury for their support.

Yours in labor and love,
D. G. MACDONALD.
Dorchester, Aug. 13, 1883.

P. S.—I preached for the brethren here last night—a good field and in need of a pastor immediately.
D. G. M.

News of the World.

At the Lord Mayor's Banquet on Wednesday last Mr. Gladstone gave an address in which he made some reference to recent events. He said the government had gone to Egypt in an unselfish spirit, and desired simply to accelerate reform there. It was felt that too much haste might spoil the work. When the views of the Government in this respect were accomplished the British would disappear from the country. He said nothing would be more grateful to every one of the ministers than an early and successful accomplishment of the grand movement toward reform in Egypt. In regard to the Tamatar affair Mr. Gladstone said the Government had received fuller advice from Madagascar confirming the hope that no difficulty existed which could not be solved by a generous and honorable disposition which should always exist, especial between France and England. He now felt even sanguinely confident that nothing would arise which would disturb the long accord. Mr. Gladstone, continuing, said he was thankful to be able to record a great change in the condition of affairs in Ireland. The authority of the law, he said, had been reasserted there and peace and security prevailed. Dark dens of assassination had been effectually suppressed, and the confidence which had united their unhappy frequenters and enabled them to execute their deadly purposes had been in a large degree destroyed. Deep gratitude was due to the Almighty and secondarily to Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant, and Trevelyan, Chief Secretary.

The trial of Aberlhy, Featherstone, Leary, Flannigan and Dalton, charged with having in their possession explosives for the destruction of buildings and lives, was begun on the 7th. All the prisoners pleaded not guilty.

On Thursday they were found guilty and sentenced to life-long penal servitude.

A meeting in favor of state aid emigration was held at the Mansion House on Friday last. The Earl of Shaftesbury presided. A resolution was offered providing for the sending of two hundred thousand persons to Canada and other British colonies, and for procuring them farms in their new homes, the money for the purchase of land to be advanced by the state, which is to take mortgages on the farms as security. The resolution was adopted. It is proposed to send ten thousand families to Canada next spring.

A very successful balloon voyage was made about a week ago from Malden, Essex, England, to Holland by Sir Claude de Crespigny and Mr. Joseph Simmons. They started at 11 o'clock a. m. and by 7 o'clock p. m. had landed at Flushing having crossed the North Sea a distance of about 250 miles. They rose to an altitude of from ten thousand to seventeen thousand feet, and could distinctly see the bottom of the sea, as they were rising.

The deaths from cholera in Egypt to date have been 16,448 of which 6,366 persons died in Cairo.

Floods in Egypt are feared, owing to the rapid rise of the Nile.

The commander of the British troops in Egypt telegraphs referring to the cholera that improvement in the situation is maintained, and that no fresh cases of the disease are reported.

There were 13 deaths from cholera among British troops on Sunday, the 5th.

926 persons died in the Egyptian provinces on Friday and 789 on Saturday. There have been no fresh outbreaks of the plague among the British troops, and their general health is excellent.

The rapid decline of cholera is explained by the fact that it is an Egyptian epidemic and not the Asiatic type. All the India doctors who are now in Egypt speak of the difference between the present plague and the terrible forms of disease with which they are familiar in India.

A riot broke out in the Lambat, quarter of Alexandria on Saturday last in consequence of a report that English doctors were poisoning natives. The mob attempted to destroy the ambulances, crying, "Death to Christians." The outbreak was easily quelled by British troops and a gendarme patrol.

Letters received in Paris from Madagascar say that Mr. Shaw, a British missionary, has been arrested for concealing two Hova spies.

It is reported that 3,000 French reinforcements will be sent to Madagascar and 600 to Reunfon.

The Standard's despatch from Hong Kong says that everything is ready for the attack on Hua. The heat alone delays the advance. The boldness of the enemy is increasing. A battery of artillery cannonaded Hanoi without result on the 1st inst.

The insurrection in Barcelona, Spain, appears to have been stopped. The insurgents have either been arrested or have fled to Portugal.

General Blanco has entered Badajoz, with a new garrison to replace the one which revolted. Martial law has been declared in all towns where disaffection exists.

Bands of armed men have marched to the North, their object, it is presumed, being to concentrate at some select point for a combined movement.

The statement that Cetewayo is still alive comes from his brother who says that Cetewayo took refuge in an isolated kraal after the late battle, having received two wounds on the leg.

It appears that the failure of the striking Telegraph operators to accomplish their object has led some of them to take revenge by cutting the wires in New York. The acting President of the Western Union has issued a statement that in carrying out their plan, fifty-nine were cut on the night of the 6th inst. Other injury has been done to the property of the company. One thousand Dollars reward is offered for the arrest and conviction of each, and every person willfully displacing, injuring or destroying any part of that Company's telegraph lines or appurtenances.

At San Francisco the Board of Health has adopted a resolution that all Asiatic ports be declared infected and all vessels arriving be quarantined until the fullest examination is made.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition have been sent from San Francisco to China, to the value of about three millions of dollars.

At a festival given by the Baptist Church at Camden, L. C., on Friday 3rd inst., nineteen persons were seriously poisoned by eating ice cream. One died on Sunday and the lives of twelve others are despaired of.

A terrible rain and hail storm swept through Sacshelby, Crawford and Mills counties, Iowa, on Wednesday, doing much damage to growing crops. It passed through a portion of the county about two miles wide, beating corn and all growing vegetation into the ground.

A fire broke out at Meriden, Miss., on Wednesday, and destroyed three blocks of residence and tenement houses. A high wind prevailed at the time threatening the destruction of the whole town. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

On Thursday night the training stables of J. B. Shockey, at the fair grounds on the outskirts of Lexington, Ky., were burned, supposed by an incendiary. Seven fine horses valued at \$2,000 to \$3,000 each were lost.

Seven men were killed and several fatally injured in a riot at Los Palmas, Mexico, between America and Mexican railway laborers.

Yellow fever has appeared at Vera Cruz, Mexico. All the officers and crews of three Norwegian vessels in port have died.

A terrible hail storm passed down Nash Valley, Iowa, on Thursday night, resulting in great destruction to growing crops and property. Near Odebot a man was killed, and others injured.

On Saturday night a fire at Vineyard Haven, Mass., destroyed almost the entire business portion of the place and over thirty dwellings, rendering a hundred people homeless. The loss is estimated at \$190,000.

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.

"MOTHER SWAN'S WORM STRUP."—Infallible, tasteless, harmless, cathartic; for feverishness, restlessness, worms, constipation. 25c.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

On Thursday last a dog in George Street showed symptoms of madness, and was killed by a policeman's baton.

On Friday morning Brownell's saw and single mill at Spring Hill Mines was destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,500.

APPOINTMENTS.—Lunenburg Co.—To be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands—W. J. Wentzell, of Bridgewater.

Kings Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—E. L. Gould, of Grand Pre.

Antigonish Co.—To be Commissioners for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.—Wm. F. McPhee and Christopher P. Chisholm, Esquires, Barristers, Antigonish.

The steamer *Branford City* went out from Halifax harbor at 4.30 on Friday afternoon last, and next morning at 3.30 in a dense fog went ashore at Little Harbor about 6 miles east from Lockeport. The B. C. is an iron vessel of 1,566 net register tonnage and 2,371 gross, built in 1880. Length, 280 feet; breadth, 39.1 feet; depth of hold, 23 feet; and has engine 300 horse power. She is valued at over \$200,000. Her cargo is valued at over \$50,000. After discharging some cargo here she took on board large quantities of canned lobsters and other freight for Boston and London. She will likely become a total wreck.

Guyboro has had a very difficult and unsatisfactory trial for murder. On the 24th July, Ada Byard, aged about twenty years, a colored girl, deaf and dumb and blind, living with her father, John Byard, about two miles from Guyboro town, came to her death about the 24th of July last, no doubt from ill usage.

The coronor's Inquest failed to find any person implicated in the death except on the testimony of another colored girl seven years old, Eliza Mansfield, daughter of the father's second wife, who related that she saw the little sister of the deceased, about five years old, strike Ada on the head with an axe. She saw through the window of the house. The door buttons on the inside. She got in by the window and took the axe from the child. The father, who was away to town, returned some time in the evening, the mother later. When the father returned he says that Ada was still living, and that Eliza told him the story related.

The doctor testified that the skull of the deceased was injured and found a wound on the left shoulder, evidently made by some blunt instrument. He thought it possible, but not probable, that a child five years old could inflict such wounds on the head. Several other wounds appeared on the body, which indicated ill treatment.

The general impression is that the child whom Eliza Mansfield swore did the deed was physically incapable of doing it, but beyond the evidence delivered, nothing further, positive or circumstantial, pointing to the guilty party, was adduced before the coroner.

On Sunday last one of our Methodist ladies, engaged in tract distribution on one of the upper streets of the city, found herself suddenly in the neighborhood of a fight between some man-of-war sailors. Without a moment's delay she stepped in among them and by her presence and words kept them at bay for some twenty minutes, when a policeman arrived. Some men who were near gave as a reason for non-interference that they would have been "mashed."

—Wesleyan.

THIS IS RELIABLE.—R. N. Wheeler, merchant, of Everton, was cured of a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs by Hagar's Pectoral Balm. This great throat and lung healer cures weak lungs, coughs, hoarseness, bronchitis, and all Pectoral complaints.

ITCHING PILES.—SYMPTOMS AND CURE.—The symptoms are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, increased by scratching, very distressing, particularly at night, seems as if pin-worms were crawling in and about the rectum; if allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Tetter, Itch, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Barbers' Itch, Blotches, all scaly, crusty Skin Diseases. Sent by mail for 50 cents; 3 boxes, \$1.25, (in stamps). Address, Dr. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists.

June 20, 1883.

POPULARITY.—Why they are popular. The reason that National Pills are so universally popular is because they are certain in their action, mild and painless in their operation, and never leave the bowels constipated. They are sugar-coated and contain no mineral poison.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers. 15 cts. Druggists.

The Baptist Book & Tract Society have just received a splendid assortment of Sabbath School Library Books including *Culm Rock*, 50 vols. Selling Cheap.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR FRASER was to be married yesterday, Tuesday, morning at St. John, N. B., to Mrs. John A. Thompson, of that city. The Halifax Aldermen forwarded a handsome present to the bride, consisting of a gold locket and chain, costing about \$200. The gift was accompanied by "the compliments and best wishes of the City Council of Halifax, Aug. 14, 1883." Receipt of the magnificent gift was acknowledged by Mr. Fraser on Monday. The Bridal Party were expected last evening.

W. D. O'DONNELL will doubtless have a large number of visitors during the time of the Convention in Halifax. Notice his card in our advertising columns. His work is first class, and commends itself to all good judges of the Photographic art. Go early.

THE TABERNAACLE.—At the meeting on Friday last, the treasurer, Mr. J. E. Irish, submitted his half-yearly financial report. With former cash-balance every fund came out ahead, after showing that all indebtedness had been met. The following is a summary for six months to June 30th:

Cash collected in running expense fund.....	\$ 622.42
Building Fund.....	1,790.16
Mission Fund.....	43.34
Communion Fund.....	17.15

Total collections for 6 months, \$2,473.07

The Tabernacle Sunday School and Congregation purpose having a basket picnic to-morrow, Thursday, at Hosterman's, and invite their friends to join them. The Mic Mac will leave Cunards wharf at 9, 12, and 2, and the South Ferry wharf at 9.30, 12.30, and 2.30. Tickets for the boat 25 cents.

The *Pictou News* tells of "the oldest inhabitant" living at Waugh's River— one John Smith, born in 1765, therefore just 118 years of age. His eyesight is still good—especially of objects at a distance—his third set of teeth are now fast appearing, and his mental faculties are not much impaired.

LUNENBURG ITEMS.—Rev. Hibbert Langille (now an eminent Baptist pastor in the city of Buffalo), paid a flying visit to the home of his youth after an absence of twelve years. He filled the pulpit here in the morning; also at Mahone Bay, and some other places. The writer well remembers him when a lad of 16, at Bridgewater engaged in preparatory studies for his life work in which he was even at that early age so deeply interested and cordially extends to him his best wishes on the Master's work &c. W. J. G.

Send to the Baptist Book & Tract Society for Lesson Helps—at Publishers Prices.

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.

Don't fill the system with quinine in the effort to prevent or cure Fever and Ague. Ayer's Ague Cure is a far more potent preventive and remedy, with the advantage of leaving in the body no poisons to produce dizziness, deafness, headache, and other disorders. The proprietors warrant it.

"BUCHU-PAIBA"—Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists.

PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES accompanied by the Admiral and his daughters, and the captain of H. M. S. *Canada* and other officers attended the promenade concert in the Public Gardens on Monday evening. The party expressed themselves highly pleased with the grounds and the Concert.

Prince George made a visit to the Cotton Factory on Monday and showed great interest in the machinery and operations.

Abraham Buskirk, of Pugwash, disappeared on Wednesday last, and has not yet been found. One hundred men were out all day on Sunday. The search is being continued. He is a well to do farmer and respected in the community.

BRIDGEWATER.—Gold.—Some thirty years ago the Australian "Gold Fever," raged sweeping many of our youth off to that famed land; to-day only a few miles from this town, a very rich gold deposit is producing largely—last week it yielded some 72 oz., the work of say five hands crushed by hand mortar, and yet there is not excitement sufficient to cause one out of twenty to even visit the spot. Lunenburg County is evidently rich in minerals.

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES.—The great secret of beauty is pure blood. Eruptions and all blotches that disfigure the face, may be quickly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. Annie Heath, of Portland, certifies that she was cured by this remedy, after suffering for two years.

There are a great many visitors, mostly Americans, in the Western counties this season.

Three Lockeport fishing schooners returned from the Banks on Tuesday last with 2,450 quintals of fish.

Four anglers killed 108 salmon in five days in the North-West Miramichi.

PETITE REVIERE.—Golden Wedding Celebration.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Porter formerly residents of Bridgewater, and associated with the early Baptist interest of that town, enjoyed the 50th Anniversary of their Wedding Aug. 1st. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. March and others were present. The exercises were very interesting. The golden offerings presented amounted to \$148.75. One of the guests read some verses composed for the occasion. Interesting letters from Daniel Owen, Esq., Barrister, Hon. H. A. N. Kaulback, and others were received and read. Mr. Porter replied in an animated address of twenty minutes. Mrs. Porter in a well prepared paper.

NEW GERMANY.—Coal.—At Morgan's Falls, there are "Coal Croppings." A competent Mining Engineer is now boring 85 feet, at which point the slope or coal seam will be intersected. The opinion of best coal judges is that large deposits of coal lie below and if so it means much for this part of the country and will help push forward the longed for Nictaux and Atlantic Railroad, and open up the extensive Nictaux Iron Mines.

FISH.—Hundreds of fishing vessels are owned in this county and the shipyard busily employed in pushing forward more. The business is a lucrative one, and employs a large number of men.

Lumber and Agriculture.—These industries are also well attended to. The land is excellent though stoney. The lumber business still produces largely, though this must eventually decline. Things in this county look prosperous.

A young man of Windsor, Mr. Thos. Bird, came from 5 miles beyond Windsor to Halifax, on a bicycle, a distance of about 50 miles one day last week. He said a good part of the road was very bad for riding, but he intended to continue his tour the next morning.

Bibles and Hymn Book in great variety—direct from the Publishers at the Baptist Book Room.

Dominion of Canada.

A meeting at Rat Portage to form a municipality under the Ontario Act was held on Wednesday evening. After the preliminary arrangements were settled the meeting adjourned for a week.

A despatch from Port Townsend, W. T., says the British sloop *Photographer* has been seized charged with smuggling Chinamen into that territory from British Columbia.

Mohammed promised heaven to every soldier that fell fighting in his ranks. Mohammed was a false prophet. There is only one warfare in which heaven is the reward. In that warfare the soldier hewn to pieces on the battlefield, and the brother or sister or mother dying within the shade of the old familiar homestead, may alike win or lose the victory. For that warfare God has been trying to enlist us from our infancy till now.

Literary.

"WHITFORD MILLS; OR, THE PARTING OF THE WAYS." By Miss L. Bates. 256 pp. Five illustrations. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society. Price \$1.00.

An interesting narrative of two young men, who start in life with equally fair prospects, but who widely diverge before the end is reached. One sets out with his young wife, resolved to have a good time; the other starts with the purpose to accomplish a good work. The former was called a good, social fellow; the latter thought by many of those who saw him to be too humdrum and prosaic for their fancy. Time went on, and their two ways led the young men to very different ends. As a Temperance work, this should be in every Sunday-school library, and in every family. It strips the jovial drinking circles of their false charms, and shows their real ugliness. It shows how desperate is the struggle which one who begins with moderate drinking, is preparing for himself if ever he should desire to break up the habit of drinking, so insensibly formed.

"THE VINTONS AND THE KARENS." Memorials of Rev. Justus H. Vinton and Calista H. Vinton. By Calista Vinton Luther. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society. Price \$1.00.

This work has passed from the hands of a private publisher, and has a place on the catalogue of the *Baptist Publication Society*. It is a record of two earnest and successful lives, most of which were spent in Burma. The reading of this book will awaken a renewed interest in Foreign Missions, especially those among the Karens. It has ten full page engravings, and is well worthy a place in every Sunday School library and Christian home.

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