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News from the Churches.

GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX.—The Rev. Alex. MacArthur made an exchange with Rev. R. Laing of St. Matthew's Church on Sunday morning. Mr. Laing preached an excellent practical sermon from Matt. x. 33, "Whosoever shall deny me before men him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." He shewed in a great many different ways how men deny Jesus, and exhorted to a public confession of Christ before men and to a life of faithful obedience.

In the evening Rev. Mr. MacArthur preached on Christian Baptism. Shewing from the Scriptures, from the etymology, and history, and from the writings of the first Commentators, ancient and modern that all agreed that the immersion of believers is the only Bible Baptism. At the close he administered the ordinance to ten persons who had previously given satisfactory evidence of conversion. Three others are received and will shortly follow the Saviour in this divinely appointed rite.

ISAAC'S HARBOR.—Rev. L. M. Weeks writes, Feb. 9th:—"Special services at Isaac's Harbor have not been in vain. In addition to the revival of God's people, several have professed conversion, two of whom were baptized on Sunday 3rd inst. Others are expected shortly. The meetings continue."

FIVE ISLANDS AND ECONOMY, Jan. 25th, 1883.—Rev. Geo. F. Miles, who traverses an extensive field, seems as fearless and bold as ever. Sleepy attendants have a slim chance under his preaching. There is no uncertain sound with him, yet he is highly respected by all, even those who differ with him. There is good work going on in his field. We enjoyed an exceedingly interesting Sabbath attending the services.

GREAT VILLAGE.—Rev. P. M. Freeman is also a most earnest indefatigable labourer. We were much interested in his children's temperance work. Temperance should not be lost sight of among our little ones, impressions in youth good or bad, usually carry their effects along life's journey.

Our noble Christian workers in many of the scattered home fields do excellent work for the Master. Much of which are bid from the world. Such should have our sympathy and support.

1ST MONCTON BAPTIST CHURCH.—The good work in this church still continues. Pastor Gates baptized on Sunday last twenty, and more are expected for next Sunday. Bro. Chubbuck is gaining a firm hold on the hearts of his hearers. He continues still with unabated zeal and earnestness to hold up Jesus—the world's hope.

HEBRON.—Dear Brother Selden, I baptized nine at Hebron on Lord's Day the 11th, and five more on the 19th. Several others have believed in Jesus, and others are asking, "What must I do to be saved?" A large number of enquirers came forward the first night of the Week of Prayer, and the good work has been steadily advancing ever since. Very truly yours,
A. COHOON.
Feb. 15.

BEAR RIVER, Feb. 17, 1883.—Dear Bro. Selden, In your last you suggest the importance of giving information of what is passing among our churches. Let me say then that God is blessing us at Bear River. Best of all it is beginning with the church. Many who have not been to Conference from two

to five years, are coming home, and one who had not been to a Conference for twenty years gladdened our hearts by his return. About 130 spoke in our Conference to-day. One was received by letter and one on his experience to our fellowship. Twenty-one were received for baptism. The work is general, deep and powerful. Some that our weak faith had not looked for have given themselves to Christ. But some who have been the objects of many prayers still stand out, and there is yet much work to be done. It can only be done through the rich grace of God. Our only hope is there. Brethren pray for us. We never needed your prayers more.

Yours in haste,
WM. E. HALL.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, Feb. 14, 1883.—Dear Brother, You will be pleased to know that in Poplar Grove, Lot 11, where there is no Baptist Church, our revival services are largely attended, and of a most hopeful character. Some of the greatest sinners have yielded up their hearts to Jesus. It is so cheering to hear the good news from Amherst and Moncton, and other places. May God bless all our dear ministers and churches with the Holy Spirit.
E. N. ARCHIBALD.

The Rev. L. B. Gates has acceded to the request of the building committee of the proposed Baptist Meeting house of Lunenburg town, and purposes starting immediately on a tour through the province to solicit aid for that object. He has not decided on any particular direction, so the churches and friends, must not be alarmed if he takes them by surprise. We hope they will be ready and willing to respond. A Baptist meeting house in Lunenburg town is a necessity that cannot and must not be overlooked by our denomination.

By order and in behalf of Committee.
Mahone Bay, Feb. 16, 1883.

We learn from the Examiner that Rev. H. A. Spencer, formerly Pastor at Dartmouth, N. S., is being blessed in his church at Milford, Mass. The field is a hard one, as Universalism, Unitarianism, Infidelity and Nothingness have a strong hold upon the people. But since Mr. Spencer's settlement the congregations have increased, the Sunday School has been enlarged and eleven new members added to the church.

In Memoriam.

MRS. ANNIE E. MASKELL.
On the 3rd inst., Annie E., beloved wife of Bro. Peter W. Maskell entered into rest, aged 33 years. She was converted in early life; baptized by the late Rev. J. Meadows, and united with the Baptist Church of Jeddore in June, 1868. In August, 1869, she became the wife of Peter W. Maskell. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a happy consistent Christian, and adorned all the stations in life which, in the providence of God, she was called to fill. The call of the Master came suddenly, but it found her ready. To her death had no terrors, her disconsolate husband, and sorrowing children she calmly committed into the care of Him who doeth all things well. She died, as she had lived, confiding fully in Christ. Her last song on earth was,
"Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on His breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there."
Her last audible words were "He causeth me to triumph." Her remains were deposited in their last resting place in presence of a large concourse of mourning relatives and sorrowing friends. The occasion of her death was improved by the writer in a discourse founded on the words of precious assurance, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John xiv. 19.
"He lives! the great Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives!"
H. E. S. M.
Jeddore, Feb. 9th, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger. Missionary Intelligence.

REV. I. C. ARCHIBALD.—Bro. A. arrived at Madras, on Tuesday, Dec. 27th, 1882, at 3 o'clock p. m., after a very rough and stormy passage. The north east monsoon was unusually severe about that time. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Newhall, Bro. A. went ashore and had pleasant interviews with Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Jewett, and Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury, Mr. and Mrs. Pricot, from Swamagayen, Burmah, and Dr. and Mrs. Scudder, of the Arcot Mission, (Dutch Reformed, New York.) On Dec. 29th, after bidding adieu to his companions *de voyage*, Rev. Mr. Newhall, who goes to Secunderabad, and Rev. Mr. Fisher and wife who go to Ongole. Brother A. transferred his baggage and himself to the coasting steamer *Scindia*, of the British India Line, and sailed away for Bimlipatam, where he arrived safely on the afternoon of January 2nd. Brother Sanford was away attending the great Decennial Missionary Conference at Calcutta, and Brother Hutchinson and Miss Hammond, who were on their way to the Telegu Conference at Bobbili, did not reach Bimili until next day. Meantime Bro. A. determining to lose no time made the necessary arrangements and pushed on to his destination, where we expect to hear good tidings of him by the next Indian mail. His health was good throughout the long voyage, and he was able to devote considerable time to the study of Telugu under the efficient guiding of Rev. Mr. Newhall. May the Lord make him very useful.

[Direct information from Bro. Archibald in our last was somewhat later than the above.]—Ed. C. M.

REV. GEO. CHURCHILL.—Advices from Bobbili are to Dec. 18th. Brother C. was very busy preparing for the reception of his brethren who about the middle of January were expected to gather from all parts of the Canadian Telugu Mission field to hold their annual conference. Mrs. Churchill with her two children were expected to return from Chicacoole directly after Christmas, or as soon as her strength would permit. Mr. C. had five carpenters at work closing up repairs on the bungalow, and he was hoping to be able to make a tour on his field before the Conference met. The people are very degraded, spending their leisure time in heathen festivities, idol worship, and cock fighting. Here and there, however, the people are beginning to listen with interest to the proclamation of the gospel message. It is hoped that the gatherings of missionaries and native Christians will have a cheering influence upon the few who are working so devotedly at that far away station.

The European group was expected to consist of sixteen missionaries and missionaries' wives besides a large number of native preachers, colporteurs, teachers and others. For their accommodation the mission house, the bungalow, and two tents would all have to be taxed to their utmost. By the way, contributors to the Bobbili tent will be glad to know that it is every way satisfactory. It is a Swiss cottage tent, giving a clear space inside of 12 feet, and one end of the outer fly can be arranged into a bath room. Brother Churchill's health was good, and he was feeling as if he would like to stay in the country right along. We know, however, that the climate has seriously affected his health, and that in the common order of things he and his family must return to this country before the lapse of many years.

MISS C. A. HAMMOND.—In pursuance of a plan, which has been maturing for some time, at the opening of the New Year, Miss Hammond removed from Chicacoole to Bimlipatam, carrying with her the boarding girls, and reentering upon the work at the latter station which was broken up when she was called away early in 1880 to take charge of the Chicacoole station. Many circumstances have combined to make this change necessary, one of which was the lack of accommodations for the girls at the latter station, while at Bimili they can find all they need to satisfy the demands of health and comfort.

REV. J. R. HUTCHINSON.—The buildings on the compound at Chicacoole entered upon the New Year in all the glory of a fresh coat of whitewash, presenting an outward appearance of purity to which they had long been a stranger. The mission work was moving onward in a very encouraging way. The school was prospering. The colporteurs and Bagavan Bayrah were out touring monthly. Suthenah, who had finally decided that he could not and would not perform touring work, left the service on January 1st. He was a good man in some respects but like too many Christians at home prefers ease to labor, or at least to be employed in that class of work which is most pleasant to the feelings leaving that of an opposite character to others. Let us hope and pray

that Suthenah may yet see that the Lord's work calls for sturdy laborers who are not above following in the footsteps of their Master. As brother Hutchinson says in a recent letter, "The tree will not fall unless the axe is swung with a steady certain stroke."

Gorahathe, the Teckally teacher was pursuing his quiet but successful course. As the result of his labors two more had been baptized and four or five others were awaiting a visit from the missionary before making a public profession.

A village of Saurah tribe of about one thousand inhabitants have asked for a school, and an effort will probably be made to supply them. One of the young men recently baptized belongs to this place.

The young man James, who has been in charge of the school at Aklatampora for some time past is succeeding with his work and being under the direction of the Veteran Bagavan Bayrah, may be expected to produce some rich results before a great while.

REV. R. SANFORD.—As already stated Brother Sanford was absent from his field, but intelligence has recently been received that the work is very promising at Bimlipatam, and the field operated from that centre.

HOME WORK.—The duty of the churches at home is very clear. Our brethren and sisters are down in the dark gold mines of India, doing our work and doing it faithfully and well. God has put the ropes in our hands and will not hold us guiltless if they suffer or fail for want of our help.

The money wants of the Foreign Mission Board are not exorbitant. No organization in the world of so much importance is run less expensively. Remittances must be sent regularly. To do this contributions must be forwarded to the Treasury regularly. One stream must compensate for the other. In some quarters churches and individual members are doing nobly. The sisters have always done well. Will not those who have hitherto withheld or contributed but little, now take their place in the front rank and give such a pull on the ropes that our brethren in India shall feel it and rejoice.

THE SECRETARY.
St. John, Feb. 15, 1883.

At a missionary service of the Calvary Baptist Church, New York, the sum of \$14,500 was raised towards the support of the mission of Rev. Edward Judson, D. D., a city missionary in New York.

Notices.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.
Rev. W. H. Richan, for Home Missions.....\$10 00
Yarmouth Temple Church..... 68 75
New Glasgow Church..... 5 00
New Tusket Church..... 1 00
\$84 75

G. B. DAY.
Yarmouth, Feb. 14th, 1883.
Churches and individuals are requested to forward contributions as early as possible. They will be acknowledged next month.
G. E. D.

KINGS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE will meet with the Port Williams congregation at 6 1/2 p. m., on the 5th March. The Rev. J. E. Bleakney was appointed to preach, and Rev. John Williams the alternate. All the brethren are especially requested to be present, and to be prepared to read their papers. Contributions at each preaching meeting for missions.

By order of the M. C.,
J. C. BLEAKNEY, Secy.
Berwick, N. S., Feb. 19, 1883.

Acknowledgments.

Mr. Editor, I have to acknowledge with great thankfulness the kindness of the members of the Nictaux Church as manifested in the recent donations at Nictaux and Torbrook, the donations amounting in cash and useful articles to one hundred and twelve dollars, each contribution being an unspeakable encouragement to the pastor, and "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God." Blessed are they who have a share in ministering to the welfare of the Lord's ambassadors.
Yours in the Gospel,
J. CLARKE.

Moneys Received.

Rev. N. H. Drayton, \$2; J. S. Witter, \$6; B. Brown, \$2; J. F. Masters, \$2; Mrs. W. Glenn, \$2; Mrs. J. Burns (omitted) \$2; J. H. Rawding, \$3; J. Kauback, \$2; C. W. Sanders, \$3 (for \$5 last week read \$2.75); J. F. Morrow, \$4; Mrs. D. Webber, \$2; J. Wheelock, \$14; G. Nelly, \$2; W. McKenzie, \$2.50; Rev. W. H. Richan, \$2; A. W. Kinney, \$2; J. B. McNutt, \$2; H. M. Harris, \$7.00; H. C. Sabeau, \$6.

CORRECTION.—The last line, 5th col., 2nd page, "(To be continued)" was put in by mistake.
Book Notices crowded out.

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Dominion Parliament is having a flood of bills thrown upon the table on a great variety of subjects, but they are as yet very imperfectly developed.

On WEDNESDAY the statement of Public Accounts was laid on the table of the House of Commons, giving details of Receipts and Expenditure on all governmental works, and the Liabilities, Assets, Debts, rates of Interest, and other matters of a monetary nature, filling a thick volume of some five or six hundred pages. The expenditure on capital account during the year amounts to \$7,351,052.61, distributed amongst the following:

Intercolonial Railway.....	\$ 586,568 79
Canadian Pacific Railway.....	4,589,071 97
P. E. Island Railway.....	40,203 00
Public Buildings, Ottawa.....	37,314 16
Welland Canal.....	608,402 17
Lachine Canal.....	25,821 38
St. Lawrence Canal.....	73,521 06
Ottawa Canal.....	655,809 90
Murray Canal.....	7,135 63
St. Peter's Canal.....	484 00
Land & Cable Telegraph Lines.....	33,535 43
Dominion Lands.....	511,882 32
Total.....	\$7,351,052 62

The means of meeting these expenditures are shown, but would require considerable space to be made at all intelligible.

In the matter of Exports the statement shows a total of \$102,137,230.

NOVA SCOTIA.—\$9,217,205
New Brunswick..... 7,474,407
Prince Edward Island..... 1,887,141

The importation of goods entered for consumption amounted to \$112,648,927.
Nova Scotia..... \$8,153,089
New Brunswick..... 6,778,412
Prince Edward Island..... 775,610
Of \$21,708,887 duty collected Nova Scotia paid..... 1,757,996
New Brunswick..... 1,428,700
Prince Edward Island..... 198,586

The statement of Revenue and Expenditure on account of consolidated fund shows a Revenue of \$33,383,455. Expenditure \$21,067,103, leaving a surplus of \$6,100,000, which with \$1,700,000 from Government lands gives a surplus of eight millions. The receipts were from the following sources:

Customs.....	\$21,581,570 05
Excise.....	5,884,859 95
Bill Stamps.....	82,616 45
Other sources.....	5,831,409 07
Total.....	\$33,383,455 52

Of Expenditure the following are the principal items:

Interest on Public Debt.....	\$7,740,804
Charges of Management.....	1,110,074
Sinking Fund.....	1,290,724
Premium Discount and Exchange.....	3,968
Subsidies to Provinces.....	530,999
Civil Government.....	946,031
Immigration and Quarantine.....	253,061
Marine Hospitals.....	68,100
Ocean and River Steam Service.....	398,739
Light House and Coast Service.....	461,880
Fisheries.....	92,700
Steamboat Inspecting.....	14,885
Customs.....	728,918
Excise.....	280,573
Post Office.....	1,989,567
Public Works.....	2,893,512

The total liability of the Dominion is \$205,365,251, an increase over last year of \$55,037,104.

The assets are \$51,703,601, an increase of \$7,237,844.

The statement of debt is as follows:

At four per cent.....	\$89,059,999
At five per cent.....	33,807,935
At six per cent.....	9,254,939
Total.....	\$122,122,873
Interest.....	5,808,993

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

TUESDAY of last week the House of Assembly was occupied in receiving the voluminous documents respecting the Railway Syndicate—or Nova Scotia Railway Company—and the negotiations of the Commissioners—Hon. S. Creelman, and subsequently Hon. W. B. Vail—with parties in London as provided for in the last session of the former House. The change of Government complicated the matter, and became the cause of a change of policy in this regard. Baring Brothers & Co. having refused to loan the five and a-half millions of dollars on the terms proposed, subsequently agreed to do so upon condition that £279,000 of the bonds of the Western Counties Railway Company be taken and held by them, (Baring Bros.) as collateral security, and paid for in cash as soon as the several railways are constructed. The principal part of the

documents were printed in pamphlet form, whilst others were read by the Clerk of the House.

Previous to this there had been a number of bills presented to the House on minor matters.

Hon. Mr. Fielding introduced several bills relating to the city of Halifax. The first was a bill to vest a portion of the Grand Parade in the city of Halifax, and for other purposes. The object of the bill was the settlement of a long standing dispute between the city and the Governors of Dalhousie College as to the possession of this well-known property, which had fallen into such a state of neglect as to be an eye-sore and a disgrace to the city. Also a bill to enable the city of Halifax to borrow money to pay the amount due to the Board of School Commissioners. Also a bill to amend Chap. 81 of the Acts of 1864, entitled "An Act concerning the City of Halifax and the Acts in amendment thereof." It is what is better known as the Assessment Bill. Its chief point of difference from the existing law being what is called "the lien clause." Under the present system the occupant or tenant of real estate is assessed, but under this bill the owner would be assessed.

On WEDNESDAY afternoon Mr. Bell introduced a bill to incorporate the Supplementary Fund Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Mr. Longley introduced a bill to further amend the County Incorporation Act of 1879.

After which Hon. Mr. Fielding introduced a bill to regulate the indemnity and allowance paid to the members of the Executive Council, especially in the matter of travelling fees.

A number of questions were asked of the Government.

Hon. Prov. Secretary laid on the table correspondence between the Government and the Nictaux and Atlantic Railway Company.

On THURSDAY some time was spent in desultory conversation on the propriety of presenting petitions for grants to the House or to the Government. It was contended that it was not known by his constituents whether the member had done his duty to them or not unless reported in the press.

Hon. Mr. Pipes introduced a bill respecting Sheriffs.

Some remarks were made by members of the need of having more of the bills introduced printed for the use of members.

Some questions were asked as to the number of members of the Executive Council, and whether there had been a recent appointment, which was answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Weeks moved a resolution of condolence with the family of the late Dr. Campbell. Several members offered remarks of eulogy of the deceased member, and of regret at his removal. The resolution was carried unanimously. The House then adjourned.

On FRIDAY, after some petitions of a local character had been presented and several bills introduced had been referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills, the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies was brought up by Mr. Longley, and, after a speech of some length, was read a second time.

Mr. Fielding's bill respecting the pay of members of the Executive Government was discussed. Several members on either side spoke on the subject. The House then adjourned till Monday afternoon.

In the Legislative Council on WEDNESDAY, the Address being under consideration, the sixth clause was read as follows: "We will be pleased to have the reports of the agents sent to London by your Government in connection with the recent negotiations with the Nova Scotia Railway Company, and the other correspondence relating thereto, submitted at an early day."

Hon. Mr. Creelman spoke at some length, and proposed to amend this clause by making the following to precede it: "While we regret to be informed that the Act passed at the late session remains as yet inoperative."

This was carried, and the Council proceeded with Railway matters. After this the remaining clauses of the Address were read and agreed to.

On THURSDAY the Council presented the Address to the Lieut. Governor.