

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., March 12, 1884.

The Firemen will please accept our best thanks for their prompt and vigorous efforts in putting out the fire in Hollis Street on Saturday evening...

The German Baptists are mourning the loss of another of their leading ministers, Rev. Julius Kœbner, senior pastor of the Berlin Church.

Some question has arisen among Churchmen as to who are members, and have the right to vote at parish meetings.

The Church Guardian is advertised for sale. The Editor and Proprietor has been suffering from a severe attack of Bronchitis.

"SOME EVANGELISTS." This is doubtless one of our Lord's arrangements as well as "some pastors and teachers" intended "for the perfecting of the saints."

THE departure from earth of the Rev. Jonah G. Warren, D. D., at Newton Centre is noticed in the Boston Watchman.

FROM the Religious Intelligencer we learn that the Free Baptists have lost one of their oldest ministers, Rev. Wm. Pennington, on the 27th ult.

MR. D. MCGREGOR writing to the Witness concerning Fredericton, gives an account of two Chinese Laundry-Men of that city.

There is one curious sight in Fredericton, and that is the Chinese Laundry Shop. You see the name over the door "Wah Chang Kee," and you go in.

The late Rev. Dr. Cramp.

We find in the London Baptist some reference to the early days of the late Rev. Dr. Cramp before he left England, and more particularly of his father the Rev. THOMAS CRAMP, which we doubt not will interest many of his friends.

A Baptist church has existed in the parish of St. Peter's ever since the reign of King William III. (1689 to 1702).

The brethren met for worship at Shallows, a small hamlet in the parish. A dwelling-house was first occupied for the purpose, and the building afterwards erected was removed a few years back.

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In June, 1844, Mr. Cramp tendered his resignation, having been minister fifty seven years. An invitation was then given to Mr. J. Smeed to become the pastor, which he accepted, and he filled the office nearly seven years.

REV. MR. CLOUGH, the devoted and successful missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Union to the Telugu, arrived in the United States a week or two ago.

"In an intensely interesting address of more than an hour's duration, Dr. Clough gave a general survey of the way in which God had led him in the wonderful work among the Telugus.

knowledge of Telugu, until he had quite a sermon, all in the language of Scripture; how the hearts of all rejoiced when 28 converts were baptized; how in answer to prayer, the number of converts increased each year until 1876.

THE "T. E." (Travelling Editor), of the Presbyterian Witness in the exuberance of his zeal for his own denomination draws some invidious comparisons between Presbyterians and other denominations, which, whilst they may be flattering to the former, indicate that he is not overburdened with either modesty, or charity for other churches.

"While the Presbyterian Church has been, by her policy, developing a superior quality in her membership, the Methodist Church has most certainly been securing greater numbers."

By way of stimulating his friends to Home Missionary effort he suggests:

"If we neglect our Presbyterian people at home, they will become, likely, either Baptists or Methodists. The writer may be well enough satisfied with either of these evangelical denominations excepting in these two particulars: 1st. The superior training in knowledge of Scripture of Presbyterians and a correspondingly greater strength of character. 2nd. The higher position Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces have taken in regard to Foreign Missionary enterprises.

It is the alleged "superior training in knowledge of Scripture of Presbyterians" be true, it would seem strange that we have not heard from some of them the Scripture teaching on the initiatory ordinance triumphantly asked for by a Roman Catholic ecclesiastic in the late controversy.

"T. E." further says:

I learned at Sussex and elsewhere of the activity too of our Church of England brethren. In coming to Moncton and Sussex, we can see too that we are in a land where Baptists abound! We have heard in different parts of the proselytizing tendencies of our earnest brethren! In view of the condition of the heathen world we would almost say let the Baptists and Methodists have the field to themselves.

Whatever of truth there be in the statements of our young friend there are elements in the comparison which make it a piece of braggadocio rather than a fair comparison.

THREE-HANDED MEN.—The following from the Canadian Baptist is highly suggestive: We have read or heard of three-handed men, men with a right hand, a left hand, and a little behind hand; and on looking over our subscription list we think we recognise some of these brethren by the labels attached to their names.

There are a few such men in other places less distant than Ontario.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

The Local Assembly is progressing with the Revised Statutes which occupy a large portion of each day.

On TUESDAY last week, after passing several chapters, the Western Counties Railway affairs were brought under debate by the presentation of a petition from the Digby Municipal Council for interest on moneys paid for the unused right of way.

Hon. Mr. Pipes, in accordance with the notice given on a former day, moved that the House come to the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a committee consisting of seven members be appointed to prepare an address to His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion in Council on the claim of the Province to a larger allowance from the Federal Treasury for Provincial purposes, to be submitted to the House for consideration.

After a short speech from the mover, Mr. Bell said he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution of the hon. Premier for the appointment of a committee on this subject.

The resolution on this subject previously moved and seconded by the member for Guysboro' respectively, had been withdrawn. It was then moved and passed that the following gentlemen constitute the committee to prepare the address:—Hon. Prov. Secretary, Mr. Bell, Hon. Atty.-General, Messrs. Townsend, McNeil, Patterson and Haley.

On WEDNESDAY after a number of chapters of the Revised Statutes had been read and passed,

Petitions were presented, read, and a number of Private and Local Bills were read a second time.

On THURSDAY the petition of the President of the Sheburne Sheep Farming Company was presented, complaining of the land granted, and asking for a further grant.

Amongst the bills introduced was one by Mr. Longley, to incorporate the Canadian Postal College of the Natural Sciences which was read a first time.

This Society is an historical and scientific association formed at Wolfville in connection with Acadia College. It had already received the patronage of His Excellency the Governor-General, and a number of distinguished men of science have united with it.

Mr. Harrington gave notice that on a future day he would move a resolution in reference to the reduction of the members of this House and of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Weeks suggested that the hon. gentleman could not give notice of that motion, as a motion of practically the same character had been disposed of during the present session.

Mr. Fraser requested the Government to lay on the table of the House a return showing the number of text books prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for use in the public schools of Nova Scotia; also, the names or titles of such books.

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was the opinion of people throughout the Province who had to buy books to supply them to their children. He would like to take the sense of the House as to the necessity for those frequent changes, at a future day.

On FRIDAY, after some time given to the Revised Statutes, the Bill relating to the Nictaux and Atlantic Central Railway was taken up, and on motion of the Hon. Comr. of Works and Mines, the amendment made thereto by the Legislative Council was agreed to.

The Bill relating to the repayment of \$52,000 to Messrs. Baring Bros., was read a first time.

The chapter of Revised Statutes "Of the sale of intoxicating Liquors" brought forth a lively debate in which Messrs. Longley, Harrington, Hon. Mr. Filding, Hon. Attorney General, Weeks and Canning spoke.

Mr. Longley asked for a day to introduce the subject of Maritime Union. Hon. Mr. Pipes was willing for any day this week of which notice would be given the day before.

In the Legislative Council on Tuesday the 4th, Hon. Mr. Morrison moved, and Hon. Mr. Creelman seconded a resolution on the question of better terms similar to the one before the House of Assembly. It passed unanimously.

Literary.

MAYNE REID, in his latest story, "The Land of Fire," now appearing in ST. NICHOLAS, brings to light the curious fact that white, the color universally elsewhere regarded as a sign of peace, is by the natives of Tierra del Fuego used as a signal of hostility.

THE STORY, which has never yet been told in print, of how Wilkes Booth the assassin of President Lincoln, crossed the Potomac, and where he spent his time from the night of the 14th of April until he was shot on the morning of the 26th, will be contributed to the APRIL CENTURY by George Alfred Townsend.

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE, a fundamental Baptist Principle, by Professor Newman; Standard Publishing Company Toronto. Price 10 cents.

This small pamphlet of 38 pages was prepared to controvert the statement of Dr. Briggs of the Union Theological Seminary that "if the Baptists or Quakers or any other of the sects had come into power, they would have been no less intolerant and persecuting than the others."

FUNK & WAGNALLS STANDARD LIBRARY, No. 1, 19, Feb. 25, 1884. CHRISTIANITY TRIUMPHANT, by John P. Newman, D. D. LL. D., pp. 136. Price 15 cents.

Another book for the people, an excellent number of these fortnightly publications. The theme is a grand one, the difficulty must have been great to present in so small a compass, the most cogent arguments and most telling facts on so large a subject.

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TRUE WOMANHOOD, Hints on the formation of Womanly character, by Rev. Franklin Johnson, D. D., pp. 139. Price 90 cents, Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society.

The object of this handy little volume is given by the author in his preface—"to remind woman in these privileged days of the nineteenth century, that the formation of a noble Christian character is still her highest duty, to aid her to distinguish the good and the evil in the tendencies of the time that affect her most strongly, and to point out some means by which she may avail herself of the one and protect herself from the other."

Character building; Character and reputation; Selfishness; The love of Home; Duty; The government of the affections; Purpose; The Masculine Woman; Little faults; Piety.

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by Dr. MacIntosh, and Leading Thoughts of Sermons by Canon Liddon Bishop Simpson and Dr. Flegg. Other articles in the different departments. Rev. A. F. Schaffler gives Light on the International Lessons, which is clear and bracing and forms an additional excellence to the many good things in this treasury.

News from the Churches.

HALIFAX NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—On Sunday evening last, three pastor Rev. J. W. Manning baptised two recent converts into the fellowship of the Church, having previously confessed their faith in Christ and their desire to enter upon a life of obedience to him.

There was also a Baptismal service at the Tabernacle on Sunday last.

WESTPORT.—The outlook in Westport is much more encouraging than it was a few months ago. Prayer has been heard and the Word of God has been blessed to the people. The ordinance of baptism has been administered on two occasions. Five have thus "put on Christ," more are coming. The life of the church is much quickened—and we hope it is the beginning of better days for us.

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GREENFIELD, QUEENS COUNTY.—A good brother Mr. H. Ibbison, after giving a glowing description of the grand scenery of this beautiful locality gives us a pressing invitation to make a visit to this place, where we have so many warm friends who he affirms often speak of us. He proceeds: But I must hasten to tell you the glad news, Jesus of Nazareth comes this way too, and he loves to linger in this beautiful village, for He loves its people and it pleases Him to give them much comfort.

A few weeks ago Brother Isaiah Wallace came, in battle array blowing the gospel trumpet fresh from other fields of victory, and the Lord was with him. For we have seen His salvation. Satan's kingdom is made to tremble, before the calm penetrating truths of the gospel. There was no undue excitement, the message of love was calmly delivered. The tragedy of Calvary was repeated to us, in all its thrilling details. There was power in the words, and they sank deep into many hearts. The church of Christ has risen up in newness of life, and dedicated herself afresh to the Lord. Fathers and mothers in Israel have clothed themselves in newer and brighter garments, and again offered themselves a living sacrifice to the Saviour's cause. Many who were in the bonds of iniquity have enlisted under the banner of Jesus, and are now rejoicing in His glorious love.

We have a flourishing Sabbath School in Greenfield, and other Sabbath Schools have been established in the suburbs since Bro. Wallace came here. He is now labouring at Port Medway, where he says the harvest is white. May his most sanguine expectations be more than realised in winning souls for Christ.

It may encourage the advocates of temperance to know that it was through their efforts I ever lived to find the Saviour of sinners. Three years ago being sorely pressed by the demon strong drink, I fled before him to this quiet village, where there is a flourishing Division of the Sons of Temperance, and no liquor to be had within 16 miles. I thank my God to-day for this blessed retreat, this City of Refuge.

Rev. J. L. Campbell before taking leave of the Church at Cheltenham baptised five persons, making fourteen during the last three Sundays. This makes ninety-nine baptised since he began his labors here. He speaks of his pastorate in Cheltenham as the sunniest period of his ministerial life.