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THE APPROACHING AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS are now attracting much attention through the province. It may not be known to some of our readers that the Province of Nova Scotia is divided into six Exhibition Districts, and in the alternate years Exhibitions are held in each of these, and the other year the Provincial Exhibition is held. The Legislative Grant of \$4000 is divided for the District year, amongst these six Districts.

In 1882 the above sum was distributed as follows:

No. 1. Halifax and Lunenburg Counties Exhibition at Lunenburg.....	\$444 44
No. 2. Section 1, Annapolis and Kings, two counties Exhibition at Annapolis.....	444 44
No. 2. Section 2, Exhibition at Liverpool.....	222 22
No. 3. Digby, Shelburne, Yarmouth, 3 counties, Exhibition at Yarmouth.....	666 67
No. 4. Hants; Colchester, Cumberland, 3 counties, Exhibition at Truro.....	666 67
No. 5. Pictou, Antigonish, Guysboro, Exhibition at Antigonish.....	666 67
No. 6. Cape Breton Counties—four, Exhibition at North Sydney.....	888 89

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In the year for the Provincial Exhibition the whole sum is appropriated to that one.

We have received the Prize Lists for the present year of some of the Districts. That of District No. 1 will be held in the new building at Dartmouth on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of October. The Prize List amounts to about \$1,600, and embraces all Farm produce, horses and cattle, Agricultural implements, Flowers and Manufactures in wood and metal.

We have also the Prize List of District No. 6, Cape Breton to be held at Baddeck on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of October.

We have also the Prize Lists of Yarmouth and Baddeck, C.B. The former to be held on the 9th and 10th of October, offers prizes amounting \$2,750.00 and is much more extensive than that of No. 1. Baddeck No. 6, also offers a large list of prizes amounting to \$2,341.00.

The Annapolis Exhibition will be on the 30th of Sept. and 1st, 2nd, 3rd of October. It will doubtless be a grand display of the products of the Annapolis Valley. Lieutenant Governor Richey has promised to be present and give the opening Speech.

The Exhibition of No. 5 District will be held at New Glasgow.

The Christian Union interprets the increase of Normal Schools and the establishment of chairs of education in four State Universities, to mean that teaching is taking on the character of a learned profession, the members of which shall be entitled to the respect and pay properly due them. A chair of education has, we notice, recently been established at the Sorbonne, Paris.

BAPTIST UNION.

The following is the Report of the Committee on Union with the Upper Provinces as finally passed by Convention:—

Your Committee, to whom the communications from the Canada Baptist Union, the Committee of the Union, and from Hon. Wm. McMaster, have been referred, find that the brethren of the Union therein indicate their earnest and unanimous desire to co-operate with the brethren of the Maritime Provinces in the work of our common Lord, especially in the mission work of Manitoba and the North-West, and that they also invite the suggestion of methods by which a closer union could be attained.

Your Committee therefore recommend that this Convention express its willingness to consider the advisability of forming a General Society, composed of delegates from the churches throughout the Dominion, to be entitled the Baptist Union of the Dominion of Canada.

They suggest as suitable objects to be managed and controlled by said Society: General Home Missions in Manitoba, the North-West, British Columbia, and among the French in the Province of Quebec. Theological Education, the Distribution of Religious Literature in the interests of the Denomination, and such other subjects as may be deemed desirable.

They further recommend the appointment of a Committee to discuss with similar Committees to be appointed by the Conventions of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba, the details relating to the organization of such a Society and report to this Convention at its next meeting; and further that the Home Mission Board be instructed to co-operate with the Committee appointed by the Canada Baptist Union at its late meeting at Brantford in prosecuting the work in the North-West for the time being.

REV. ALEX. MACARTHUR writes from New York, Sept. 12th, a letter, not intended for publication, yet, as the friends in Halifax will be interested in its contents we copy a portion. He says:

After a pleasant and very enjoyable trip on the good ship "Miranda," I arrived safely in this modern Babylon. Last Lord's Day I assisted Dr. Mac Arthur both morning and evening. The New Calvary Church is located on 57th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues, and is a gem of beauty and modern convenience. A more substantial and elegant church edifice I never saw. It is one of which our denomination may feel pardonably proud.

To-night I take charge of the Calvary prayer meeting, speaking on our "Congo Mission." As you are aware this important mission in the heart of Africa, was offered to our body by Mr. Guinness, who was instrumental in planting it some years ago, and accepted by the Missionary Union at Detroit. So far it appears to have been abundantly successful. What a wide and effectual door is thus providentially opened to us in Africa. With reference to Home Mission Work I may say that in connection with the Calvary Baptist Church there is a class, consisting of 30 Chinese laundry men. Three of them have already been baptized and others will doubtless follow.

I miss you all very much, and often think of you and pray for you. All here seems strange. I miss genial countenances and the warm grasp of many a loving hand. But I hope to see you again and our hearts shall rejoice. Remember me kindly to all the dear brethren and sisters you should chance to see. Above all remember me in your prayers. Farewell, and God bless you and make you a blessing.

LETTERS from Maulmain state that the death of Mrs. E. W. Kelly, on July 20th was very sudden. Although somewhat weak for some days she was seriously ill only three days. The disease was acute jaundice or atrophy of the liver, and is said to be always fatal. It is very insidious and no danger is apprehended until the fatal symptoms appear. No parting words were spoken. The funeral took place July 21st, and was largely attended. Mr. Solton conducted the service. A prayer was offered in Burmese, and a Burmese hymn was sung. The grave is in the part of the cemetery devoted to Missionaries.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES to be held at Yarmouth on the 25th inst., promises to be a grand affair. It will doubtless be largely attended. The programme we are told is a very inviting one. Our readers were informed of it in our issue of August 27th. Those who purpose attending should send in their names immediately to Mr. James Forrest, Secretary, Halifax.

News from the Churches.

MARGARET'S BAY.—Dear Bro.—My mission to the churches on the east side of Margaret's Bay having terminated, I have thought a few notes respecting it might not be without interest to yourself and readers.

Three churches, French Village, Indian Harbor, and Dover, were assigned to me by the Home Mission Board. But finding Bro. David Shaw in charge of the church at Dover, my labors were of necessity, confined to the two former churches. As these three churches form, by reason of their situation, a natural group, and as their united effort is necessary to the support of a pastor, it is to be hoped that any act tending to their separation may be carefully guarded against.

The cause of God in these churches is not as prosperous as it ought to be. Here, however, are to be found a few faithful ones, representatives of that noble band of Christian workers, of whom most of our churches have some, and upon whose faithfulness the existence of many of them, doubtless, depends. If the reward of some Christians is to be greater than that of others—and it will be—surely those who labor in these neglected places, amid difficulties, to uphold the cause of God will be among the largest recipients of Heaven's bounty.

The Sunday Schools at Indian Harbor and French Village are working under the superintendence of bro. Benjamin Corey and Alvan Hubley respectively. There is, of course, as there is always in all institutions, a chance for improvement, to which end I feel confident, these brethren, with their co-workers will constantly look.

There is no Public School in the lower section of French Village. This is to be deplored inasmuch as it is, indirectly, in opposition to the true spirit of Christianity. For all readily admit, other things being equal, that the more mental culture, either in the case of individuals or communities, the better the conditions for effective work for Christ.

There is a new Baptist Church at French Village. It only exists yet, however, in the minds and hearts of the people. Doubtless some of the timber is growing yet, and these interested think that some of the money to be used in constructing it is still in the pockets of the wealthier members of the denomination. But as the purposes of determined men are considered to be as real before as after they are carried out, this building may be regarded as existing as much now as when the materials are brought together under the directions of the Building Committee and dedicated to the Lord.

Three things at least a preacher of the Gospel may reasonably expect from those to whom he ministers, money or its equivalent, hospitality, and co-operation. The first, to an amount which reflects credit on the churches, I have received; for the second, the people of Margaret's Bay have always been remarkable, while the third, and by far the most important, in some cases, and in some respects, has been given, while in others not to the desired extent. I am glad, however, to be able to record a growing interest in prayer and conference services, points at which the sympathy of lay members may perhaps best be shown.

Seldom, I think, is it the sad duty of a young man in the first four months of his ministry to conduct seven burial services. This, however, has been my experience. That one of these was a man supposed to have been one hundred years of age, accidentally drowned from his boat while fishing, one a woman of sixty, two young women in the prime of life, and the remaining three children, one only four weeks old, are facts not without significance.

But I have written more than I intended, and will close in the hope that God may bless this people with whom I have so pleasantly spent my vacation.

Yours truly,
F. H. BEALS.

Wolfville, Sept. 1884.

CANSO, Sept. 9th, 1884.—Rev. Jas. Scott administered the ordinance of Baptism on Lord's Day, Sept. 7th, and received into church fellowship, one believer in the Lord Jesus.

PORT GREVILLE AND DILIGENT RIVER.—Mr. Editor.—Perhaps you would like to hear a few words from the church at Port Greville and Diligent River.

I was appointed by the Home Mission Board to labour here for four months, during the College vacation. And, as my time is now expired, I have got to return again to my studies.

On coming to Port Greville I found quite an interest manifested among the people in maintaining their social meetings, which have been continued through the summer. A Sunday School was organized the first of May, and we have had during the past four months, an average of forty-five.

The Baptists are few in number, but they have persevered in the completion of their house of worship, for which they deserve great credit.

Our meetings during the summer have been well attended, and all seem to be anxious to hear the gospel. There have been no additions to the church, but I am persuaded that a deep work of grace is working in the hearts of some.

Meetings were held every Sunday at Diligent River, a social meeting every Thursday evening, and we have seen some manifestations of Christ's saving power. Some are anxiously enquiring "What shall I do to be saved?"

It seems to be too bad that this church is to be without a minister all winter, but I hope they will be able to get a supply from some neighbouring church. Whoever labours at Diligent River, Port Greville, and Brookville will find a warm, kind-hearted people to deal with, and who are anxious to listen to the truth as it is in Christ.

The people with whom I have laboured this summer will please accept my thanks for the many tokens of their kindness that I received at their hands.

H. B. SMITH.

August 26th, 1884.

NOTES FROM AMHERST.—We had a very pleasant visit of twelve weeks from Mr. E. R. White, one of our Acadia students, who did very acceptable work. There is the right timber in Bro. W. for a minister, and, but that he must pursue his course at college, we should have endeavored to persuade him to remain with us. The pastor feels the need of a coadjutor on this large field. His work, in some ways, has largely increased during the last year, and no one man can overtake it.

The Sunday Schools of this church, three in number, held their annual Picnic this year in Moncton. The youngsters had a good ride, the teachers and friends visited the factories, workshops, &c., and altogether we had a fine time. We felt quite a relief when the last child was placed safely upon the platform at Amherst.

Mormon agents having been at work in Parrsboro and vicinity, Rev. J. A. McLean felt impelled to take public notice of this monstrous heresy. On Tuesday evening, 9th inst., a large assemblage gathered in the Rink at that place to hear an "elder," so-called, substantiate the statement that he could bestow the miraculous gifts of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of his hands! Of course he failed, egregiously, but adroitly managed to advertise himself, the main thing he was after. The way in which Mr. McL. handled him was anything but pleasant for the Mormon. He received a snubbing that he will not forget, but he will go on declaiming Joe Smith's filthy dreaming all the same. "Of this sect are they who creep into houses and lead captive silly women," "who by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." (See Romans xvi. 17, 18.) I trust our Cumberland people will put in practice the injunction of the beloved apostle, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, (the doctrine of Christ) receive him not into your house, and give him no greeting: for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works." (2 John 10, 11, Revised). Do not spend time listening to their twaddle, and let all such imposters severely alone.

D. A. STEELE.

Amherst, Sept. 12, 1884.

THE NEWCASTLE, N. B., BAPTIST CHURCH.—Dear Messenger.—The Baptist Church at Newcastle, Queens Co., N. B., was dedicated to the worship of God on the 31st ult. Divine Services were held morning, afternoon and evening. There were a number of ministers present. The Rev. Thos. Todd preached in the morning from the words, "Upon this rock will I build my Church." The preacher showed that the Church was not built on Peter, as the Romish dogmas teach, but on Christ as the Chief Corner Stone. 1st. The architecture of the building was alluded to. 2nd. The materials used. 3rd. The preacher showed that the whole building was made according to the plan of the architect. So is Christ's spiritual church, according to the plan of its founder, and men may by no means depart from that plan.

The edifice occupies a conspicuous position in the village, which lies on the route of the N. B. Central Railway, upon which work will probably be commenced in a few days. The building is an elegant structure and nearly free from debt. It is finished all in good taste.

To erect such a place for the worship of God has been a great task for the few Baptist families that reside here. Now, however, the House is finished and dedicated to the worship of God. Last Spring we called a minister to be our pastor, Rev. W. P. Anderson, whose labors have been blessed to the salvation of precious souls.

We in Newcastle Village have his services one half the time, the other half being spent with Grand Lake Baptist Church.

Feeling the severe load of building and not being able to pay the stipulated amount of our pastor's salary ourselves, we petitioned the Home Mission Board of the Convention for one hundred and fifty dollars for the current year. Why our petition has been overlooked we have not been informed. I think we can safely say, no church in the denomination has struggled harder for the Baptist cause, and succeeded too, than we have. We would like to know why it is that churches much more favorably situated than we are receive aid, while our petitions are ignored.

Trusting you will insert this in the MESSENGER, and forgive me for taking up so much of your space,

I remain,

J. NIGHTINGALE,
Church Clerk.

New Castle Bridge, Sept. 5, 1884.

ALMA, N. B.—Dear Editor.—Bro. Swaffield again complied with our request, and favoured us with his presence last Sabbath. Our hearts were made to rejoice on witnessing eleven happy believers publicly confess Christ, by following Him in His ordinance. Two more are awaiting baptism, and several are inquiring what they must do to be saved.

Sept. 8th, 1884.

NOTES FROM BELFAST, MAINE.—The Waldo Association met with my church, and closed yesterday. Rev. W. S. McKenzie, of Boston was present and preached a stirring missionary sermon. Rev. Dr. Ricker, Secretary of our State Convention, presented our Home Missions. He was formerly pastor here. We had a very interesting session. Another of my predecessors of long ago, was Rev. E. D. Very, who resigned the pastorate of the Belfast Church, to become editor of the Christian Visitor at St. John. While at Wolfville a few years after he was drowned. The older people in my church, often speak to me about him in terms of high praise.

Our church work is prospering quite well. Last month I baptized 16, five of the number were teachers in the public schools; one of them, a young man, who will enter the ministry, and take the full course at Newton.

Maine is just now jubilant over the great temperance victory in the State election of last Monday, Sept. 8. Many years ago the legislature of this State passed the Prohibitory Law, often called the "Maine Law." Thus it has remained ever since, as Statute Law, and any legislature any year, could repeal it, were they strong enough, and the

State come back to the old days of rum again. But the temperance cause has grown stronger of late, and during the past eight months the State has been well canvassed, and at the election of last Monday, by a majority of over 16,000 votes, the Prohibitory Law, is taken from the Statute Law and put into the Constitution of the State! Having been put there by the people it can never be taken out, except by the people, and he made the political issue of a State canvass. And bold will be the politician who will ever attempt such a thing. Thus the Temperance cause gains little by little. All that the Temperance people dared at first to attempt was Statute Law, they got that and then when strong enough, got the Constitutional Law. The rum manufacturers of other States did their best to defeat the cause, but failed.

G. E. T.

Acadia College—Pledges, Notes, &c.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger: DEAR SIR,—Will you please insert the following:

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College at Moncton, Aug. 22nd, measures were adopted for the collecting of pledges, notes, &c., and to secure new ones, wherever practicable, without the expense of an agent. The following brethren were appointed to act for the Board in the various localities, viz.:

1. Yarmouth, Shelburne and Queens, N. S. Rev. A. Cohoon.
2. Halifax and Lunenburg, N. S. E. D. King, Esq.
3. Annapolis and Digby. Rev. W. H. Warren, A. M.
4. Kings and Hants. Rev. S. B. Kempton, A. M.
5. Cumberland and Colchester. Rev. D. A. Steele, A. M.
6. Antigonish and Guysboro. C. B. Whidden, Esq.
7. Cape Breton. Rev. J. W. Bancroft, A. M.
8. Westmoreland and Albert, N. B. Rev. D. G. McDonald.
9. York and Carleton, N. B. H. C. Creed, A. M.
10. Kings and Queens, N. B. Rev. I. J. Skinner, A. M.
11. St. John, N. B. Rev. W. J. Stewart.
12. Charlotte and Lunenburg. I. B. Oakes, A. M.
13. P. E. Island. Rev. J. O. Redden, A. B.

The Treasurer of the College, X. Z. Chipman, Esq., of Wolfville was selected to act as chairman of this Financial Committee and to furnish to each a list of all notes, pledges and subscriptions in their respective districts and urge them on as may be necessary in the work of collecting.

The several members of this committee will be expected to send a written report to the Treasurer not later than August 1st of each year, showing the amounts collected in their various districts and the general state of the subscriptions, pledges and notes.

On behalf of the Board,
T. A. HIGGINS, Sec'y.
Wolfville, Sept. 2, 1884.

Literary.

OUT OF THE DEPTHS.—The OXXX. Psalm, in vocal score, by E. J. Darling, published by Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston:

This piece of music is a superior composition, well adapted for use by choirs where all the members are good musicians. It would require to be performed by a large number of voices to give it its full effect. We have submitted it to the judgment of a musical friend, who is of the opinion that it is worthy of a place in the list of pieces used for oratorios.

TEN YEARS A POLICE COURT JUDGE.—By Judge Wiglittle, Published in FUNK & WAGNALLS (10 and 12 Day Street, N. Y.) Standard Library. Paper 25 cents. S. F. Huestis, Halifax, General Agent for the Maritime Provinces.

A police court judge of ten years' standing must have some instructive and most amusing things to tell. His advantages for the study of human nature are almost unequalled. His observations on society should be worthy of wide reading, for its woes and wrongs are unveiled to his eyes as to no other's. Judge Wiglittle is a veritable Judge, and his book is a veritable store-house of fact and incident—facts ludicrous and facts pathetic, facts mortifying and facts encouraging, facts of law and facts of morality. The book, however, is far more than a scrap book. It abounds in lessons and suggestions, the outgrowth not only of close observation but of careful reflection.

UPSAUR HALL; or, The Power of Influence, By Dorothy Holroyd. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society. Price, \$1.00.

In this pleasant story the influence exerted by a bright, true-hearted Christian girl, is well portrayed. It is not the influence of direct exhortation or instruction, but that of a cheerful, consistent Christian life. By this means, a young invalid is led to new views of life