

The young ladies of Melvern Square by means of a sociable and fancy sale raised \$60 for the purpose of painting the meeting house. While in other sections of the church the ladies have raised \$50 for a similar purpose. At Margareville on the Bay Shore, the Baptists have erected a handsome place of worship, built in modern style. The pews, forming a semicircle, are neatly finished. Bro. Hall their former pastor, who is held in high esteem by the church, rendered essential aid in the erection of the Margareville Baptist meeting house, by securing lumber for that purpose from some kind friends in St. John, N. B. It is neatly finished and carpeted, clear of debt. We hope the blessing of God will descend upon the people.

We have been holding a series of meetings in one of the Mountain Sections. The increased interest manifested leaves us in no doubt but there will be an ingathering of sheaves in future harvests.

Yours,
JOHN ROWE.

HALIFAX.—Rev. J. F. Avery baptized three persons on Sunday last at the Tabernacle.

Rev. J. W. Manning baptized two converts at the North Baptist Church at the same time.

NICTAUX.—The work of grace is still going on in this place. Eight candidates were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. J. Clark at Williams-on, on the 16th inst. Seven others have been received for baptism, and more are expected shortly.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—A quiet but very precious work of grace continues in connection with our labors here. We have had baptism thus far every Sabbath in March—15 persons in all—and about as many more have made some public manifestation of their anxiety about their souls. We expect more for baptism next Lord's day, than any day heretofore. Reader pray for us.
D. G. MACDONALD.

GASPERAUX.—A powerful revival of religion is now in 2nd Horton Church. On Sunday the 16th, thirty-nine persons were baptized and received into the fellowship of the Church, and on Sunday last the 23rd inst. the ordinance of baptism was again administered when forty four others were baptized. The work is still going forward.

The Minutes of the Wesleyan Conference last year show that there are in Great Britain 407,000 members, 34,000 on trial 1,545 ministers, and 264 supernumeraries.

To the Women's Missionary Aid Societies.

The Secretary of the Nova Scotia Central Board has been repeatedly requested to give some suggestions which may aid the Societies in carrying on their work. In reply to these enquiries the following from a small publication of the Women's Baptist Missionary Board of the Convention, Canada West is commended to the members of the Societies in Nova Scotia.

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

THE WORK OF THE MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

The question is often asked "After we have organized a Society how is the interest to be kept up?"

Wherever Societies have been formed, either in our own Dominion or in the United States, this difficulty has presented itself, but it is by no means an insurmountable one.

The Canadian Missionary Link if widely circulated among the inmates of the church and congregation, will tend to arouse an interest in Foreign Mission work; and the sisters will go to the Society prepared either to offer prayer for some special object, or in a timely remark to prevent it to the attention of the whole meeting. One member might make it her work to obtain subscribers for the Link.

When the Society meets, a season of prayer should always be observed. "Without me ye can do nothing," said the MASTER, and His promise to be with His people to the end of the world is particularly precious to those who have met to consider in what way they can help to fulfil His last great commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Then there will be business relative to the

collections of funds;—discussing of plans for interesting every sister in the church, and the ladies of the community, and inducing them all to become members of the Society; with the reading of original papers specially prepared for the Society, or articles from books, magazines or newspapers, telling of the progress the knowledge of the Lord is making in all parts of the earth.

There is a very full missionary literature the common heritage of all denominations of Christians. Our Sunday school libraries would be greatly improved by the addition of more works of this character.

The pastor might occasionally be asked to preach a missionary sermon, and the church persuaded to devote the first prayer meeting in every month to special pleading with God for His blessing on all mission work both at home and abroad.

Missionary Societies could sometimes be held and ministers or brethren, interested in the cause, asked to help by giving lectures, addresses, or papers bearing on the subject.

Where practicable, several Societies might unite, now and then, and have a mass meeting with great profit and advantage.

These few hints are perhaps sufficient, but when every woman in our churches enrolls herself as a prayerful active member of the organization, and asks from a heart overflowing with love to Jesus "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" the question as to keeping up the interest is already answered.

Mary showed her love for the Master more by deeds than by words. Wherever the Gospel is preached that she did is told for a memorial to her.

The work can be made a great success, both in the way of direct help to the women of her-ath-ndom, and in the increase of interest at home in every department of work for the Master.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

APPOINTMENTS.—Colchester Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Bejamin Budge, of Enfield.

Annapolis Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—A. D. Cameron, of Bridgetown. John Dauphinee, of Lunenburg, in the County of Lunenburg, has been removed from the Commission of the Peace for said County.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company have contracted to take 60,000 tons of coal from the Spring Hill mines.

The Burrell Johnson Iron Company of Yarmouth have the keel laid for the steamer they are building for the Anglo French Steamship Company, and the frame well under way.

HOW TO MAKE MONEY.—Twenty-five cents worth of Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders fed out sparingly to a crop of twenty-five hens will increase the product of eggs 25 per cent. in value in thirty days.

The foreman of the Yarmouth knitting factory has been arrested on a charge of maliciously injuring the machinery of the mill.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong has withdrawn his resignation of the pastorate of the Kentville Baptist church, at the unanimous request of a church meeting.

Large steamships are to be placed on the route from Portland to Annapolis to run every other day during the summer to commence on the 1st of June next—the shortest time between Halifax and Portland.

Steamer Arcadia launched at Arcadia last week is to run from Yarmouth to Westport and Clarke's Harbour.

WORTH KNOWING.—One bottle of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment will effectively cure rheumatism, inflammatory sore throat, sore lungs, bleeding in the lungs, chronic hoarseness, hocking cough, whooping cough, and lame stomach.

CAPTAIN ROD of the steamship, Edgar Stewart, has just brought to our notice a most remarkable case of a young lady who was a passenger with her somewhat little time ago, who was on her way to "die as she expressed herself," as she had been told by her physician that there was no hope of her recovery, that she was in an advanced stage of consumption, and recommended her to get home.

The captain seeing that she was very sick and having a very severe cough, gave her a bottle, that he had on board of Putner's Syrup Hyopiosphites, which at once relieved her cough, and gave her much comfort. When she got home she continued the bottle and found that it had done her so much good, that a messenger was despatched to the captain to get the patient half a dozen bottles.

The patient has been taking it for some time and has improved in a most astonishing manner, so that she is now able to attend to her duties, and enjoys better health than she has for over two years.

This is not the first charitable act of Captain Rod, and who always looks after the interest of the passengers committed to his care, and says, I always recommended your Syrup, as I could do it with the utmost confidence from the personal experience I have had with it, and I consider my medicine can't not complete without Putner's Syrup Hyopiosphites.

Dominion of Canada.

The License Question was before the House of Commons on Tuesday of last week. Several members spoke at length in reference to the question whether the power of issuing licenses existed in the Dominion or in the Local Governments. The motion before the House was to repeal the License Law of 1883. Sir Hector Langevin moved an amendment to the effect that a case should be prepared and submitted to the courts to decide whether the License Act of 1883 was constitutional or not. This was warmly discussed in both English and French and in the case of one member he began his speech in French and soon went off into English.

It appeared that the passing of a law to make the granting of licenses uniform through the Dominion, would be regarded as a step in the direction of changing the Constitution of the Confederation and making it a Legislative Union, which would be strongly opposed by the Province of Quebec.

This mixing up of the question of license with another one would have the effect of preventing a fair vote on the question simply on its own merits. Other motions were made and lost when that of Sir Hector Langevin was carried by a vote of 117, against 63. The matter is therefore still in abeyance.

On Wednesday Sir John A. Macdonald stated, in reply to a question asked, that it was the intention of the Government to continue sending Canadians who have emigrated to the United States, and who may desire to return to Canada proportionate facilities or transport as those it was proposed to extend to European immigrants from Quebec and New York to Winnipeg.

The matter of restricting Chinese immigration was brought forward by Mr. Shakespeare who presented the grievances of the white population of British Columbia. He had just received a letter from Victoria reporting that a very large number of the white population were out of employment, and that they could not compete with the Chinese and live. There were eighteen thousand Chinese now in that province, who were fast driving out the white population.

A discussion arose on the bill to consolidate the railway debt of the Grand Trunk Railway and giving them power to raise additional capital for the purposes of the road. An amendment was moved by the Minister of Railways that the new capital must be applied first to double-tracking the road between Toronto and Montreal. During the debate Sir Charles announced that the Government had decided, with the concurrence of Mr. Blake, to amend and consolidate the Railway Act by inserting a clause to prevent railway corporations from purchasing stock or bonds of other railways.

On Thursday the resolution for the purchase by the Dominion Government of the Eastern Extension and the Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial railway from the Nova Scotia Government was read a second time and concurred in, and a bill based upon it was introduced and read a first time.

The House then went into Committee of Supply. On the vote for the expenses of the High Commissioner to E. Island, Mr. Blake made enquiries as to how it was that that officer could hold his office and yet be in Canada for several months. To this Sir John replied that the present residence of the High Commissioner must of course be in England, but he was not like a barnacle fastened to a rock—he must come over and consult with the Government.

On the amount for quarantine service the matter of the cattle trade with England came up. Sir John explained that the importance of the cattle trade with Great Britain necessitated great care in admitting cattle into Canada. It was known that Canada exercised such care it would tend to inspire confidence in Canadian cattle and the importation of our cattle into England would be hampered by less restrictions.

The Ontario Legislature has had some excitement over an alleged attempt at bribery of some of its members. Developments have been made of large sums and places offered to influence members to a coalition government.

ITCHING PILLS—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; the private parts are sometimes affected. If allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Itch, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Barber's Itch, Blisters, all sorts of Scaly Skin Diseases. Sent by mail in 50 cents; 3 boxes, \$1.25, (in stamps). Address, DR. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists.

June 20. 1 y.

HONOR POLITENESS.—A boy who is polite to father and mother is likely to be polite to every body else. A boy lacking politeness to his parents may have the semblance of courtesy in society, but is never truly polite in spirit, and is in danger, as he becomes familiar, of betraying his real want of courtesy. We are all in danger of living too much for the outside world, for the impression which we make in society, coveting the good opinion of others and caring too little for the opinion of those who are in a sense a part of ourselves, and who will continue to sustain and be interested in us, notwithstanding these defects of deportment and character. We say to every boy and to every girl, cultivate the habit of courtesy and propriety at home—in the kitchen as well as in the parlour, and you will be sure in other places to deport yourself in a becoming and attractive manner.—The Presbyterian.

We are having large demand for the (Consolidated) 1, 2, 3 and 4, Sanky music, also some editions. I do not get best place to buy, Baptist Book Room.

News of the World.

In the House of Commons on the 15th, the war secretary announced that telegraphic communication with Khartoum had been broken and a steamer passing down the Nile had been subjected to a continuous fusillade for three days. He believed the tribes in that region had risen. A battalion of British troops had been despatched to A-souan. Messrs. Bartlett and La-bouchere attacked the government. The under foreign secretary denied that Gordon was in extremities. He asserted that the withdrawal of the garrison from Kassala would be perfectly easy as soon as the differences were settled, as the king of Abyssinia was friendly. It was necessary that a civilized power should control the Red Sea ports to insure the suppression of the slave trade and maintain communication with India. Mr. Labouchere offered a motion that the loss of the British and Arabs in the Sudan was unnecessary, which was rejected by a vote of 111 to 94.

Last week was full of rumors of disension in the cabinet, the resignation of Gladstone, and the dissolution of parliament. The fact is that Gladstone is suffering from catarrhal fever and is too hoarse to speak. There are undoubtedly differences in the ministry as regards the length to which Great Britain should go in the Sudan war, but not enough to cause a split. The offer of a reward for the head of Osman Digma was made against orders sent to Gen. Graham to try friendly overtures with the rebel sheiks, including Osman. Gen. Graham and Sir Evelyn Baring have been asked for explanations. The Daily News says Gladstone has no intention of resigning.

Malta is again mentioned as the place of the Pope's future residence. In the House of Commons on Tuesday the army estimates bill passed. The amount appropriated is £4,230,000. In connection with this the Marquis of Hartington stated, that the elastic terms of service and bounties were inducing men to prolong their period of foreign service and had attracted 33,000 recruits, the largest number ever known in one year. He said that three guns of 110 tons, the most powerful in the world, of 63 tons and three of 43 tons, would be finished during the present year.

General Gordon at Khartoum is finding that there is no escape but by the sword. An army of 6,000 Arabs was prepared to attack his position. On March 15, he had made a commencement by rescuing the garrison of 1,200 men at Halabaja, who were besieged. This too was done with the loss of two men. General Gordon was expecting to attack the Arabs on the following day.

Gladstone will probably go to the south of France to rest.

The Communists celebrated the anniversary of the beginning of the Commune of 1871 on Tuesday last by banquets in several of the suburbs. The speeches were of a violent and revolutionary character.

La République Française says France can treat with China only on the basis of an indemnity and recognition by China of French supremacy over the whole of Tonquin.

The Arabic newspaper Abou Mad dera publishes a long interview with El Mahdi. It states that the False Prophet denied ever having pretended to be El Mahdi—that he claimed only to be the servant of the Prophet and leader of the Faithful. Had he made any pretensions of being El Mahdi, he says it would have been certain to have caused the sheiks to desert him. He declared he would kill General Gordon if he caught him again and would give the English money which he carries to poor Mussulmans as penance for their long suffering for an Egyptian and English misrule. He also stated that he was firmly convinced, from informa-tion which he had received from India, that if the Indian troops were brought to Egypt they would refuse to fight against their fellow-Mahomedans, as they are in full sympathy with his movement.

A bill was introduced in the senate at Washington on the 18th appropriating \$15,000,000 the first year, \$14,000,000 the second year, \$13,000,000 the third year and thus decreasing \$1,000,000 each year, for the support of public schools in various States.

At Cleveland, Ohio, on Thursday last a still at M-rrian & Morgan's oil works exploded. The escaping oil instantly submerged August Fisher and August Guenther, employees and the oil taking fire the men were quickly burned in sight of the horrified crowd who were unable to assist. A rushing stream of oil overtook Wm. Stiebleman, another employe, as he fled and he, too, was burned to death.

Five miners were killed by a snow slide at Curry, Colorado, a small camp seventy miles north of Leadville.

The vessels of the Greely relief expedition, will sail from New York the 8th or 9th inst. They may start by 10th and will proceed direct to St. John's, N. F.

The Chicago (limited) Express, consisting of an engine, three passenger coaches, baggage and mail car and a sleeper met with a terrible accident on Friday. Upon reaching Franklin Hill the engine left the train plunging down an embankment a distance of thirty feet. The baggage car and smoker followed and were badly wrecked. To add to the horror of the accident, and almost before the passengers could realize what had happened, the boiler of the engine burst with a report that was heard for miles. The baggage car lying near the engine was blown to pieces. The heads and mangled bodies of the engineer and fireman were found five hundred yards away. A colored porter of the Pullman sleeper was seriously injured. As yet no definite cause can be assigned for the accident, but the opinion is expressed that an obstruction was maliciously placed on the track in such a way that the engineer could not notice it in time to avert the disaster.

Several passengers were severely wounded. The conductors and brakeman received serious injuries. The track was torn up for several hundred feet.

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M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer.

Halifax, March 25th, 1884.

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J. PARSONS,
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Nov. 10th, 1883.

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