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News from the Churches.

Ordination at Port Medway.

The Council invited by the Port
Medway Baptist Church met in the
house of worship at Port Medway,
July 16th, at 10.30 a. m., to consider
the propriety of ordaining Bro. William
Powell to the work of the Gospel
Ministry. The Council was composed
as follows:

Port Medway—Deas. N. D. Baker,
C. Manthorn, J. Hatt, S. Atkins, Bros.
E. Hiltz, C. A. Bowly, J. Beach.

Liverpool—Rev. J. W. Weeks,
Deas. T. Nickerson, T. Annis, Bros.

B. O. DeWolf, D. Buchanan.

Bridgewater—Rev. S. March.

Milton—Rev. P. F. Murray, Bro.
Ford.

Caledonia—Rev. J. H. Fletcher.

Lockeport—Rev. H. N. Parry, Bro.
J. Cooney, D. Peterson.

Invited Members—Bro. S. Hunt, W.
Wall.

Rev. P. F. Murray was appointed
Moderator, and Rev. J. W. Weeks
Clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev.
S. March.

The Church Records relating to the
call for the Council were read. Bro.
Powell then gave a clear and very
satisfactory account of his conversion,
call to preach the Gospel, and views of
Christian doctrine.

Rev. S. March moved, that:
Whereas, We have heard the very
clear and satisfactory statements of Bro.
Powell's religious experience, and call
to the ministry, and views of Christian
doctrine,

Resolved, That we, in agreement
with the request of the Church, pro-
ceed with the ordination of Brother
Powell to the Gospel Ministry.

This was seconded by Rev. J. H.
Fletcher, and unanimously passed.

Arrangements were made for the
public service of Ordination to be held
in the evening, and after prayer by
Rev. H. N. Parry the Council ad-
journed.

At 7 o'clock a large congregation
assembled, and the service was held
with the following order of exercises:

1. Hymn—Rev. J. H. Fletcher.
2. Reading of Scripture and Prayer—
Rev. S. March.
3. Ordination Sermon—Rev. H. N.
Parry.
4. Ordaining Prayer—Rev. P. F. Murray.
5. Hand of Fellowship—Rev. J. H.
Fletcher.
6. Charge to the Candidate—Rev. S.
March.
7. Charge to the Church—Rev. J. W.
Weeks.
8. Singing.
9. Benediction—Rev. William Powell.

By order of the Council,
P. F. MURRAY, Moderator.
J. W. WEEKS, Clerk.

SPRINGFIELD is to the front in
Basket Societies. On the twelfth they
held their second social in aid of the
funds of the parsonage. The amounts
realized for the first, \$78; for the
second, \$60; total \$138. Also the
ladies of Springfield and East Dal-

housie got up an autograph quilt, real-
izing out of it over \$113. It was sold
at auction for ten dollars, and then
bought back by a number of friends
and presented to Mrs. W. J. Blakeney.
The ladies deserve great praise for the
efforts they are putting forth in connec-
tion with our finances. Our parsonage
with twenty-three acres of land, cost
\$1214. In little over one year \$830.
have been raised for the parsonage
funds. The people have a mind to
work.

July 16th. ONE PRESENT.

NICTAUX.—Two candidates were
baptized in the Torbrook section of this
church on Sunday, 13th inst., by the
pastor, Rev. J. Clark.

MONTHLY MISSIONARY MEETINGS
are most deeply interesting, especially
when pains have been taken to procure
accounts of mission work to present to
the people, who need information. Agita-
tion on any subject will awaken inter-
est for or against; and surely to the
true disciple this subject of missions is
of deepest import. In this way our
youth imbibe a missionary spirit, and by
the very act of giving feel a greater
interest. If our mercantile enterprises
need pushing and advertising, why
should not more important work be
earnestly pushed forward. The small
contributions from the many will swell
the treasury, and our leaders should
labor to reach one and all in this matter
of giving. W. J. G.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.
Women's Missionary Meeting at
Amherst.

A special meeting of W. M. A.
Society, in connection with Eastern
Baptist Association, was held, in Vestry
of St. Stephens Church, on Monday,
July 14th at 3 p. m., presided over by
Mrs. Harding when a large number of
ladies were present. After singing,
reading of Scriptures, and prayer by
Mrs. Emmerson, Secretary read a few
words of welcome to returned Mission-
aries, responded to by Mrs. Churchill,
who greatly interested us by sketches
of her life from the time of leaving
home till her return; setting forth the
lights and shades of East Indian life in
a manner new to many of us, and
recognizing an over-ruling hand through
all. Miss Wright and Miss Hamilton,
missionaries elect, were introduced.
The former, after some preliminary
remarks, showing her interest in and
love for the work, so soon to be engaged
in by them both, read a letter from
Mrs. Archibald giving a list of articles
required in an out-fit for India, which
we hope will not be forgotten by the
sisters. Miss Hamilton spoke most
particularly to the children, our Mission
Band being present, telling how she
loved them and how much even they
might do in so great a cause.

Mrs. March spoke enthusiastically on
the influence of woman, her duty to be
foremost in the cause of the Master
and dwell very touchingly on the
resurrection morning when women
were first at the sepulchre of our
Saviour. She also exhibited a number
of pictures of Missionaries and Mission
stations. Mrs. Martell alluded to her
knowledge of the churches in this
county and urged upon the sisters the
importance of increased zeal and effort
in forming aid societies and named
several churches that were without.

Mrs. Emmerson, Mrs. W. Bars, Mrs.
Green and Mrs. Harding followed with
appropriate remarks, after which Mrs.
Churchill came in with four girls
dressed in Telugu costumes, representing
different castes, which added greatly to
the interest of the meeting. Collection
amounted to \$13.00. Meeting closed
by singing missionary hymn.

Altogether it was the most interesting
meeting of the kind ever held by the
ladies of Amherst as we never before
had the pleasure of so many missionaries
present at one time.—Com.

For the Christian Messenger.
On Vacation.

Dear Editor,—

Having been kindly granted a respite
from pastoral and pulpit work for a few
weeks by the Baptist Church, at Kent-
ville, I set out on the 2nd of July, im-
mediately after the Central Association,
to make the most of the time allotted;
and reached the pleasant town of
Truro that evening. Cheerful greetings
were exchanged with expectant friends
whose hospitality we were to enjoy.
The next day we were borne along
rapidly over a pleasant country to the
enterprising town of New Glasgow;
thence on a change of cars to Antigonish,
which showed up well from the
road as we passed on, the Roman Catho-
lic Cathedral being the most capacious,
massive, and imposing structure in the
place. The Eastern Extension terminat-
ed at Port Mulgrave, where we arrived
at about 3 o'clock, and proceeded at
once to Boylston—a distance of sixteen
miles—over a road and bridges some-
what trying to weak nerves. Boylston
is situated on the Manchester side of
Milford Haven—one of the most beauti-
ful harbours in Eastern Nova Scotia.
It is a new, pretty, thriving village.
My son, Rev. J. J. Armstrong resides
here, and serves acceptably and usefully
the Baptist Church in Guysboro and
Boylston, of which he is pastor. My
first Sabbath (July 6) was passed with
this church, and to relieve the pastor,
I preached at the latter place in the
morning, and at the former in the after-
noon. Guysboro occupies a fine position
amid bold and beautiful scenery; the
place, however, looks antique and needs
the thunder of a railroad and machinery
to rouse and set the people and business
moving rapidly and prosperously. Agri-
culture, fishing, and lumbering are the
chief employments of the people in
this region, and yield them generally a
comfortable support.

The Baptist Church in this town is
undergoing extensive repairs,—which
will render it more appropriate and
comfortable. Renewed pleasant ac-
quaintance with the two senior deacons
Cunningham and Pyle who feel deeply
interested in the prosperity of the
church and kingdom of Christ. The
recent demise of deacon C. Jost is felt
to be a serious loss to the church here,
but God will, doubtless, raise up others
to sustain and carry on the work.

Our next point of destination is
North Sydney, where my youngest
daughter and her worthy husband
reside.

We return to Port Mulgrave on Wed-
nesday morning to take the steamer;
and while waiting for her, crossed in the
"Norwegian" to Port Hawkesbury, and
had the pleasure of seeing deacon P.
Paint, and the Rev. Mr. Foshay, at
present preaching to the Baptist con-
gregation in that place. Had a very
pleasant interview with these brethren
and other friends. Though impaired
in health for so many years, brother
Foshay's mind is unimpaired, and his
theology is, in my view, sound and
scriptural. In passing from Mulgrave
to Hastings and Hawkesbury, and back,
one gets a fine sight of some bold and
grand views,—Cape Porcupine being
the most pronounced and prominent.
In consequence of storm we could not
leave till about 4 o'clock, P. M., on
Thursday, which we did in the
"Neptune," renowned in these parts
for long and faithful service, which,
notwithstanding the fog bore us pleas-
antly and safely along down the
"Strait," through Lennox passage, St.
Peter's Canal, and down to her wharf at
the extremity of East Bay, within four-
teen miles of Sydney, in about eight
hours. We reached the latter town
per stage about 3 o'clock next morning,
and were most cordially welcomed by
our friends apprized of our coming.
Thence we proceeded to North Sydney
per steamer, and were joyfully wel-
comed by our relatives who were
anxiously looking for us.

On the 13th inst., heard an earnest
evangelical sermon, in the Presbyterian
Church, Sydney Mines, by the Rev.
James Frazer Campbell, returned mis-
sionary, in connection with which he
gave a rapid interesting sketch of the
social and spiritual condition and wants
of the people in Central India—con-

taining about nine millions of inhabi-
tants,—and also of the discouragements
and encouragements to Christian work
amid the corruptions, ignorance, and
habits of idolatry and caste in that
country; and appealed strongly to the
church and congregation to furnish
means to support the mission and ex-
tend its operations in that extensive
region where now only one Christian
missionary is labouring. At the request
of the pastor, Rev. Mr. McMillan, your
correspondent took part in the services
on this important occasion. Mr.
Campbell is a son of C. Breton, and
after seven years of labours in India he
has returned home solely on account of
Mrs. Campbell's health, his own being
unimpaired. But he is doing good work
here in imparting information touching
the foreign field, and in calling out the
benevolence of the Presbyterian people
and other Christians to carry forward
this mission entered on under direction
of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Other sons of C. Breton preceded him
from the Baptists in Foreign Mission
work in the East, A. R. J. Crawley,
W. F. Armstrong, and in a sense, Rev.
W. B. Boggs; for he was a pastor in
Sydney for some years.

Christian missions originated in the
word and love of Christ, contemplate
the highest good of mankind—the en-
lightenment and salvation of the nations
in darkness and sin, and are eminently
worthy of earnest prosecution, and of
the support and prayers of all Christians.
"Freely, says Christ, ye have received;
freely give."

In the evening I went to the Baptist
Church, North Sydney, to hear the
pastor, my worthy brother, Rev. James
Baneroff preach; but yielding to his
earnest request and his powerful plea
that he had preached twice already dur-
ing the day, I preached to a very atten-
tive and earnest congregation. The
music was well adapted to help the
worshipper. Bro. Baneroff has a large
and important field to care for, which
will doubtless return much spiritual
fruit by faithful and loving cultivation.
Churches should remember that co-
operation on the part of the members
appears to be generally one condition
of the pastor's success; and should act
accordingly.

On the way to Mulgrave had the
pleasure of meeting Rev. Isa. Wallace
returning from his mission on the
Eastern Shore, and learned from him
the success attending his ministrations
of the gospel along that shore,—and
the number of converts baptized and
gathered in. Bro. W. has been greatly
blessed in evangelistic work, for which
he seems to be peculiarly adapted.
Provision should, however, be made to
visit as often as possible the places
where no permanent ministry is main-
tained to train, encourage, and help for-
ward in the Christian life and work
those who had been won to Christ and
the gospel. Since leaving home I have
heard of a place on the Eastern Shore,
where, in former years our missionaries
preached the word of life as they passed,
and souls were converted; but some of
these converts, though longing to hear
it, yet have not heard Baptist preaching
for over a dozen years!

Those transient missions—frequent
and very useful in former years—should
not be discontinued; they proved the
means of salvation to many, and helped
to extend and build up the kingdom of
Christ in Nova Scotia east and west,
also in Cape Breton and P. E. Island.
Sowing the seed is a very necessary
operation, and a work full of promise
to the faithful labourers; for in due
season there will be reaping to life ever-
lasting, if we faint not.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG,
North Sydney, C. B., July 14, 1884.

From Manitoba.

To the Editor of the CHRIST MESSANGER.
The present week has been an inter-
esting season to the Baptists of this part
of the Dominion. The Red River Bat-
tist Association met on Tuesday the 8th
inst. in the Baptist Church of this city.
For several days the weather had been
gloomy and wet with much thunder, but
towards Tuesday evening the sky sud-
denly cleared and the bright sun lighted
up the wide-spreading prairie landscape

as only the western sun can do. As the
people made their way churchwards that
evening to hear the Association sermon
preached by Rev. Jesse Gibson of
Portage la Prairie, the change in the
weather suggested to many of them the
recent change in Baptist prospects in
this country. The outlook, so dark and
disheartening hitherto, has been greatly
brightened by the increased interest in
the spiritual welfare of the west man-
ifested by our brethren in the Maritime
Provinces and the United States, and by
the action taken at the recent Union
Meetings at Brantford. Taking for his
text Ezek. xlvii. 5. the preacher spoke
of the humble origin of the founder of
Christianity and the marvellous advance
made by the religion during the eighteen
centuries since the death of its founder.
He referred at some length to the spread
of Baptist principles in the country. In
1875 the first Baptist church in the
Northwest was organized in Winnipeg
by Rev. A. McDonald with seven mem-
bers. Now there are ten churches and
five mission fields with a membership
of nearly 600 and congregations number-
ing over 1200. But our work has not
kept pace with that of other denomina-
tions. When Dr. Young, the pioneer of
the Methodists, began work here in 1868,
there were but two Methodist families
in the whole country; now the mem-
bership of that body exceeds 8000, more
than 600 having been added during the
past year. But Baptists should not be
discouraged; there is ample scope for
work; five new helpers have just come
into the field, and every Baptist should
adopt the motto "Work unitedly, pray
earnestly, and give liberally."

After the sermon a business session of
the Association was held, Rev. A. A.
Cameron of Winnipeg being elected
moderator, and Rev. J. Gibson being
re-elected as secretary. The roll of
delegates was called and various com-
mittees appointed. After Rev. G. W.
Huntly of Fargo, General Superintendent
of Western Baptist Missions, and
Rev. Dr. Haigh of Chicago, General
Superintendent of American Missions
had addressed the meeting, the Associa-
tion adjourned until Thursday morning.

On Wednesday morning the Baptist
Home Mission Convention of Manitoba
and the Northwest met. After devo-
tional exercises, an able address was given
by the President, Mr. J. B. McArthur,
Q. C. He referred to the founding of
Prairie College, its work, and the circum-
stances which led to the close of the
institution; to the appeal for help in
mission work, the "Manifesto" of last
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tional work. In the afternoon Rev. A.
A. Cameron read the report of the dele-
gates sent to Brantford, and the Mc-
Master Hall students laboring in this
country during the summer gave reports
on the various fields. These are Bros.
H. G. Frazer, W. C. Weir, S. H. Cain,
E. F. Jordan, and J. H. Doolittle. Rev.
Dr. Huntly then made a stirring address
and was followed by Rev. Prof. Bryce of
Manitoba College, and Rev. C. B. Pit-
blado of St. Andrew's Church. A mis-
sionary meeting was held in the evening
when Dr. Haigh reviewed the history of
mission work in the United States,
showing how, when settlers began to
move toward the "West" fifty years
ago, it became an imperative necessity
to follow these hardy pioneers with the
gospel, how a society was organized to
meet this necessity, and how this society
has extended its operations over all the
home field and even to the foreign field.
He spoke of some of the particular
problems they had been called on to
solve, south of the international bound-
ary, such as, the influx of a large
foreign population, averaging for the
last five or six years half a million per
annum, and embracing people of all
religions, as well as people of no religion
who regarded all government and re-
ligion as only different forms of tyranny;
the presence of a degraded population
all at once thrown on the hands of
christian philanthropists by the em-
ancipation of four millions of blacks;
the peculiar social conditions which
surround life in a newly settled country;

some of these prob-
set and solved in

the Canadian northwest. "You have,"
said he, a field, embracing an area of
more than 320,000 square miles, out of
which you could carve eight states as
large as Ohio; you have on this field a
population of 225,000; you have estab-
lished there thirteen churches with
three settled pastors and ten tempo-
rary workers; but within the next five
years, your population will be numbered
by millions. Expect great things in
the future and lay your plans accord-
ingly." Speeches were also made by
Bros. Doolittle and Wier and a good
collection taken for missions.

The Thursday morning meeting of
the Association was taken up by the
Reports from the various churches in
the Association, the reading of the Cir-
cular Letter by Bro. Doolittle, and the
reports of the various committees, espe-
cially the joint committee of the Asso-
ciation and the Home Mission Convention
appointed to arrange a union of these
two bodies. The Association was then
dissolved, and when the Convention met
in the afternoon, after transacting some
routine business, it too was formally
dissolved. A new organization was
then formed, to be known as "The
Baptist Convention of Manitoba and the
North-West." Its object is to promote
the general efficiency of our churches,
preserve a watch care over them, re-
ceive annual reports and present the
same; also to promote and maintain
Home Missions throughout Manitoba
and the North-West, as well as any
other department of denominational
work that will tend to the furtherance
of the cause of Christ throughout the
world." After a Constitution and Bye-
Laws had been adopted, and various
resolutions passed, Dr. Haigh made a
brief practical address to the student
missionaries, the President of the new
Convention, Dea. J. B. McArthur, made
a few closing remarks, and the Benedic-
tion, pronounced by Rev. A. A. Cam-
eron, brought the series of very interest-
ing meetings to an end.

Winnipeg, July 11, 1884. SIGMA.

For the Christian Messenger.
W. M. A. Society Meeting at
Dorchester, N. B.

In connection with the N. B. Eastern
Association at Dorchester, a meeting
under the auspices of the Central Board
of W. M. A. Society was held on the
afternoon of July 9th. Mrs. J. March
occupied the chair. The meeting was
opened by singing an appropriate hymn,
reading of Scripture by Mrs. March, and
prayer by Mrs. Emmerson.

Mrs. Churchill was then introduced,
and listened to with closest attention,
as she told us in her quiet but impres-
sive manner of her work in Telugu land,
especially among the women, describing
the poorer class, then the richer. Our
missionaries elect were present. Miss
Wright gave an earnest address, follow-
ed by Miss Hamilton, both ladies giving
evidence of their call to the work and
fitness as well. Much sympathy and
interest was felt in their behalf. Evidently
neither they nor their work will be
forgotten by the women present at this
Association.

By invitation from the chair, sixteen
stood up, thereby pledging themselves
to go home to work for the Women's
Missionary Aid Society. The fact that
our Foreign Mission needs the united
effort of all our Christian women
has only to be clearly presented to
meet with ready response. Not a
moment was lost in this meeting.
Among those who spoke were Mrs. Nor-
mandy, Mrs. Wortman, Mrs. Pipes, Mrs.
Tingley, of Salisbury, and others not
known to your correspondent. Mr. and
Mrs. Churchill sang Telugu hymns, and
exhibited many curiosities from India.
Three girls were brought in dressed in
native costumes of that far-off land.
The meeting throughout was deeply
interesting. Many who heretofore were
indifferent to this branch of Christian
effort, were inspired to work as never
before. In closing, a collection of four
dollars and sixty-one cents was taken
up, a missionary hymn sung, and Mrs.
Churchill offered prayer.

After a little consultation, Mrs. March
was again invited to the chair, to form a
W. M. A. Society in connection with
our Dorchester Baptist Church, which
she cheerfully did. Eleven names were
handed in, officers appointed, and meet-
ing announced for Thursday of the
following week, when the membership
will be largely increased.

A. R. EMMERSON.