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"Know-Nothings."

When the Know-Nothings and Know-Nothingism were first heard of, few indeed would venture to indulge the idea that they would ever become of such mighty importance in the political world...

Into the consideration of their origin and history we cannot enter here. This we may do on a future occasion. Their objects, which are of more importance...

The following extract from the American correspondence of the News of the Churches will throw some light on the subject:

The subject which most excites our entire country, and which attracts towards it most attention, is that to which I have often adverted in my letters,—the "Know-Nothing" movement. The Papists, although but one in twelve in the country, because of their compact movement under the lead of their bishops...

Tell him, the Pope, and from the mouth of all America Add this much more, that no Italian priest shall dare to tell in our dominions.

And hence the controversy with Rome among us has passed from the pulpit to our halls of legislation,—from ministers to politicians,—from the few ardent opponents of the terrible superstition to the people...

Some very able articles upon the Know-Nothings have appeared in the leading political and religious journals of

Great Britain, of which we shall present extracts next week.

It is astonishing to observe the strong sympathy that is every where rising in favor of this great American party.

The Fish Market—Sabbath Breaking.

We wish most seriously to call public attention to the fact that the Halifax Fish Market is open every Sunday morning till ten o'clock. We have ascertained, also, that more fish is sold, that more business is transacted, on that morning in that market than is done on any week-day morning...

Ought these things to be so in a Christian community? Scenes and actions that would be bad enough in a heathen country where the commands of God were never promulgated, where the name of Christ was never heard...

Many grocery stores in the lower part of the City are also open on Sabbath mornings,—cabbages, turnips, potatoes, indeed all sorts of luxuries and necessaries are unscrupulously and fearlessly bought and sold on that day.

Now we do not affirm by any means that our Mayor and our Aldermen are either immoral or cowardly men. On the contrary, such of them as we have the honour of being acquainted with are men of integrity, and much to be respected.

ARCHDEACON DENISON with all his craft and truckling, and cowardice, will not be able to escape a trial. The state of discipline in the English Church is deplorably evident from the round-about ways and means that must be taken to bring this heretic to an account.

FORTY-FIVE converts from Popery were on last Easter Sunday added to the Protestant Church of Geneva. Most of the converts are married people, heads of families, and it is hoped that their families will be brought to the knowledge of the truth.

Obituary.

The Rev. THOMAS TROTTER has put off his priestly robes and been gathered to the great congregation of the dead. In life, literature, and morals, he was a man of a superior grade, and would have been reckoned an honor to any community.

Mr. Trotter came to Antigonish (about 40 years ago), the society was scarcely the frame of a congregation, and little more than the shadow of good things to come; but by the honest application of his talents, under the fostering care of Heaven, he raised it to its present state and standing, and his memory is embalmed in the affections of his people.

A Visit to Salmon River.

It is both cheering and interesting to meet a friend in the wilderness—and especially when that friend is one who a short time since was a fellow-student, and who now is a fellow-worker in the cause of Christ. I refer to a visit I recently made to my friend, Rev. Hector McKay of Salmon River, who is now most usefully engaged in calling sinners to Him who can make them wise to salvation.

The Church at Salmon River stands on an eminence, almost surrounded by a beautiful placid stream which empties itself into the Grand Lake. It is very interesting on the Sabbath day to see the people in large but scattered numbers coming up and down the River to worship in the house of God after the example of their fathers.

The soil of this settlement is not very fertile; but the means of enriching it are within reach—the river being surrounded by an alluvial deposit which the farmer well knows how to use.

I hope the people ere now appreciate the language of the prophet: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that bring glad tidings." O, may they be able to say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

For the Witness SPRING.

Once more, gentle Spring! dost thou appear among us, bringing with thee joy, and health, and happiness. Again we know thy welcome voice, in the sounds and sights of beauty that greet us. The song of the thrush and the sound of the waterfall are to us the echoes of thy voice.

What other despot, O Spring! wears a coronet like thine? What monarch can boast as thou canst of a diadem of his own creation;—a diadem that can vie in beauty and richness with thine? Theirs have been formed in the dark and loathsome caverns of the nether earth—thine beneath the light and splendour of the heavens.

We have called thee a despot, Spring! and such truly thou art, though thy government is gentle and mild. What can resist thy command? What disobey thy voice? Thy laws are immutable, and thou thyself ever actest as they direct.

And thus ever last thou lived on, performing thy yearly circuits, ever returning to repair the losses inflicted by thine angry rival. Time was not when thou didst not smile, as now, on this earth with thy gentle though powerful influence.

Free Church in Prince Edward's Island.

Believing items of local information will be interesting, I transmit a few particulars respecting the progress of the Free Church within the field upon which I have entered in the Island two years and a half since nearly. There was then one congregation on this side of the Charlotte Town ferry, embracing New London, Scotch Settlement, and South Shore, including DeSable and Long Creek.

By next steamer from England, Rev. Dr. Beecham a Wesleyan of note, is to come to this Province. He is to organize into an independent self-sustaining "Conference" the "Districts" of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, and Newfoundland. It is expected that under this new regime the Wesleyans of these Provinces will be independent of all further pecuniary aid from their brethren at home, who will then be in a position to carry on still more effectively their undertakings in China and India.

statements, the first of which is ready, and the next within sight. This is noble for a very small band, all of whom are comparatively poor. Christians of other denominations, however, contribute very generally and generously, and to their aid much is owing.

DeSable and Long Creek have been merged into one. During last vacation of College they were supplied by Mr. C. Ross, one of our students. A deep interest begun to be manifested. The attendance on the Lord's day and week day meetings of different kinds was rapidly increasing, till their Church, never before filled, could no longer contain within its walls the increasing assemblage.

A third station of promise and importance is Ten Mile Hill. It is the centre of an extensive country. Since the meeting of Synod last year a station was regularly formed there. A pretty large church has been commenced, which will very shortly be ready for plastering and seating. The site, though but an acre in the country, will cost over £12. The building is free from debt as far as it has hitherto been forwarded.

The Scotch Settlement proper is in the immediate neighbourhood of the last mentioned. Here their church was but half finished. The finishing of it will cost them about, or over, £300. We have a catechist in this and Ten Mile Hill whose labours, I trust, are to be serviceable, and who is wholly supported by the people themselves.

I shall have another communication shortly, and shall reserve notice of New London till then. I may here mention, however, that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed here in August last, when twenty-four were entered upon the roll of communicants for the first time connected with the Free Church. This ordinance was never dispensed in any of these places before in connexion with the Free Church, and between them all, seventy-two were added to the church by communion.

I remain, dear Sir, Yours in Christ, ALEX. SUTHERLAND.

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Dr. Beecham expects to be in Halifax on or before the 22d inst.—four days before which the Wesleyan ministers of this Province are to open their Conference.

From the St John N. B., Courier Testimonial.

We have much pleasure in giving publicity to the following proof of the attachment which subsists between the Pastor and Congregation of the St John Presbyterian Church in this City, and trust that it may long continue.

St. John, N. B., April 25th, 1855. REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—We, the congregation of the Saint John Free Presbyterian Church, beg you to accept the accompanying "Watch and Chain," as a sincere, though imperfect token of our affectionate respect and esteem.

And while this gift, simple in itself, yet instructive in its working features, may serve to remind you of the onward flight of time, may it also stimulate you to renewed exertions for the advancement of the cause in which you are engaged.

You have become endeared to us by your frank and amiable disposition, and your courteous and urbane behaviour, but especially for the faithful and efficient manner in which you have discharged the solemn duties of an ambassador of Christ.

We will not cease to pray, that a benignant Providence may long spare you to minister among us, and bless your fidelity and zeal to the salvation of many souls, and may cheer and protect you and your amiable partner and family, amidst the discouragements and dangers of this evil world, and finally grant you an exceeding great reward, "where the wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

We are, faithfully and affectionately, Yours,

JOHN MOONEY, LESLIE MITCHELL, Secretaries to the Committee on behalf of the Congregation.

To the Rev. JAMES BENNETT, Pastor of the Saint John Free Presbyterian Church.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL.—I have to thank you and the congregation for the very handsome and acceptable present you have made me. Valuable in itself, it becomes invaluable as a token of the generosity and sympathy which you have not failed to evince towards me since I became your Pastor.

The address with which you have accompanied this presentation, though highly flattering to me, I believe, sincere. It gives me assurance that the Truth, spoken in love, will ever find a response in your hearts.—It also indicates, that a walk and conversation, becoming the Gospel, is the first quality in a christian minister. Often as your present reminds me of the lapse of time, may it also recall the desire to possess those gifts and graces for which you give me credit.

It gives me much pleasure to think that during the short time I have been among you, I have had so many marks of attachment. I trust the chief effect will be to open my heart to love towards all, and urge me to the hearty performance of every ministerial duty; which becomes pleasure when known to be appreciated. May no day come when your kindness shall be forgotten, or when I shall cease to deserve it.

I take this opportunity of presenting my hearty thanks to the Ladies of the Congregation who lately presented me with their highly acceptable Gift. As each recurring Sabbath brings me the memento of their kindness, I shall not soon forget how much I am indebted to their Sisterly affection.

In conclusion I have to thank you for the kind reference which you make to my partner and family, and have to assure you that Mrs Bennett fully appreciates and reciprocates the sentiments with which you regard her.

I am, Gentlemen, Yours in the Lord, JAMES BENNETT.

Some of the members of the Free Presbyterian Church at Monkton, presented their late Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Ross, with a gold watch and chain on the eve of his departure from the Ministry at that place, together with a neat and appropriate Address.—Morning News.

OPEN AIR PRAACHING is practised with great good effect in many parts of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Why should not this worthy example be followed in Halifax by some of our ministers? It might at least be tried in the summer months.

"A Free Churchman" is unavoidably deferred till next week.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for May has been received from Mr. Fuller, the Agent. It is a good number. The first two articles—"Sketches in Brazil," and "The Lion and its kind," are of more than ordinary interest. The highly exciting narrative of the "Darwin Exploring Expedition" is continued. There is the usual quantity of Miscellaneous matters, together with some rather elegant plates.

GODEY'S for May has also been laid upon our table by the same. We have had time only to glance over the poetry and the plates, and we are certainly bound to say that both are well worthy of the high character of Godey's Lady's Book. We would not want the Number even for the sake of these alone. The other matter, we have no doubt, from a glance at the contents, is possessed of usual interest.

Some notices of New Works and Pamphlets must also lie over till our next issue.

The body of a man recognised as John Shaw, of Manadieu, belonging to a Collier, was picked off the Long Wharf on Tuesday at about 9 A. M. A Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of "Found Drowned."

We are requested to state, that by particular request Mr. Cunnebell's Concert will be repeated some evening next week, with a change of programme.