

municants in all the Baptist Churches, and only 50 ministers. Now there are not less than 20,000 Baptist communicants in the two Provinces, and over two hundred ministers. There are in the *Churches* reported in the Register, 19,185. This shows an increase of over thirteen hundred per cent. in the membership, and over four hundred per cent. in the ministry in forty-four years. In 1842 the Provincial Census returned the Baptist adherents in the two Provinces, as 19,623, and now though we have not the results of the Census of 1871 on this point, we judge from several well-established facts, that the Baptist adherents must be over, rather than under, 90,000. This would indicate a growth of about 450 per cent. in thirty years. The American Baptists have increased four hundred and fifty per cent. in forty years, and the Canadian Baptists have increased four hundred and fifty per cent. in thirty years. And it should be borne in mind that in Canada a very much larger proportion of our population, (at least two-fifths of the whole), is almost entirely inaccessible to Evangelical influences. We cannot claim that the figures we have given are absolutely exact, yet they are sufficiently accurate to warrant fully the conclusions indicated. "If we correctly estimate the growth of the denomination in organized effort, in their compactness and unity of action for the accomplishment of great objects, it would be no exaggeration to say that in this most important element of efficiency, they have more than quadrupled their force and momentum during the last twenty years. The denomination now contribute for benevolent objects more than five times as much as they did twenty years ago."

"We are often depressed and cast down by the want of religious prosperity in our own immediate neighbourhood, and we fancy that the cause of God is declining every where. Who will show us any good? is the feeling of our heart. At such times it would do us good to take up a period of years, and trace God's dealings with His people. We should find that He has not cast away His people. He is doing great things by them and among them. The few facts recorded in this paper, should surely encourage us as a denomination, and call up our gratitude to God. Our faith should be strengthened by them, and our zeal should be quickened. If so much has been done for us, and by us, during the past fifty years, we may expect much greater and better things for the future. If our ratio of increase continue for the next fifty years as it has done during the past fifty, the Baptist denomination will number 250,000 communicants, and fully a million of adherents in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec in 1922."

THE WASHINGTON TREATY.

The decision arrived at by the United States Senate on Saturday last, will afford much satisfaction to all the friends of peace on both sides of the Atlantic. So decided a majority for the acceptance of the supplementary article proposed by the British Government shows that there is no disposition in the former body to have the treaty defeated. We suppose that the Court of Arbitration at Geneva will now proceed with the business to which they were appointed, and that there will be an early settlement of the matters in dispute. The commerce of both countries will be greatly benefited by a good understanding being arrived at, and a permanent basis being given for a continuation of peaceful relations.

We have omitted to notice before the Proceedings and Transactions of the Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science of Halifax, N. S., 1870-71, politely handed to us by Rev. D. Honeyman.

It contains in the space of about 90 pages, ten articles which had been read before the Society during the past year. The titles of these articles are:

1. On the Geology of Nova Scotia by Rev. D. Honeyman, D. C. L. &c. &c.
2. On Nova Scotian Diurnal Lepidoptera by J. M. Jones, Esq. F. L. S.
3. On the Copper and Nickel Mines of Tilt Cove Newfoundland by E. Marett.
4. On the Geology of Nova Scotia by Rev. D. Honeyman.
5. On the Geology and Physically Geography of the N. E. coast of Kent, England by Alfred S. Ford, Esq.
6. An the Mammalia of Nova Scotia, by J. B. Gilpin, M. D. &c. &c.
7. On the Geology of Nova Scotia by Rev. D. Honeyman.
8. On the Eriacaea of the Dominion of Canada and adjacent parts of British America, by George Lawson, P. D., L. L. D., &c.
9. On the Meteorology of Halifax by F. Allison, Esq.
10. On the Meteorology of Caledonia Mines, Little Glace Bay, C. B., by H. Poole.

It is matter of regret that there is not a larger number of gentlemen, (the list of members shows about fifty names) who take an interest in scientific research, and give the benefit of their investigations to the public by means of this Institution. Those who sustain the Institute deserve all honor for their labors pursued from a love of Science, yet so quietly performed and so unostentatiously given to the world.

We have received from the N. B. Education Office, with the compliments of the Chief Superintendent, a large sheet, shewing the Course of Instruction in the Public Free Schools of Fredericton, which embraces the instruction given in the Elementary Schools, Advanced Schools, and the Classical and Collegiate High Schools, giving the subjects which are taught in each grade, and the time allowed to each, from the earliest school years, all through a comprehensive course, up to that of the Collegiate High School.

Halifax ought to have an equally liberal provision for the education of its youth. With the amount of taxation to which we are subject, our School System ought to be second to none in these provinces, where as we have scarcely a school that advances much beyond the Elementary branches. With the backward movement occasioned by recent legislation, and our Separate Schools in Halifax we have no present prospect of any thing like an enlarged and liberal course for the youth of our city.

The *Visitor* is discussing the future of the Fredericton Seminary and asks three questions:—

1. Is there a prospect that a denominational institution of learning will be well patronized?
2. Is such an Institution, under present and prospective circumstances, a denominational necessity?
3. Will it be possible to meet the necessary annual outlay?

On these three points there is of course much that may be said. We do hope that the commanding position which the Seminary has attained, and the valuable property it holds at Fredericton will not be lost to the body, but that it will be retained in the service of the denomination to aid in furnishing what is so much needed in the education of its future ministry.

We hope our brethren will carefully read the letter of our Ontario Correspondent. It is very timely and suggestive, and whilst it shews the great work before our Canadian brethren, it also indicates somewhat the respect felt for Nova Scotia and its institutions.

Notices, &c.

NOTICE.

The Treasurer of the N. S. Home Missionary Society acknowledges receipt of \$24.20 from Rev. Mr. Goucher extra proceeds of collections taken up by Licentiate G. O. Gates after defraying all his own expenses and charges while on a Mission at New Annan and Head Tatagouche Bay during College Vacation 1871.

NOTICE.

Mrs. Crawley and Miss MacLean gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the unknown friends at Sydney, who have constituted them Life Members of the Woman's Mission Aid Society.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Library, on Wednesday June 12th, at half past nine o'clock, A. M.

In order to be in time to attend the above parties will have to come to Wolfville by the trains which arrive on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec'y.
Wolfville, May 24, 1872.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at Wolfville, on Wednesday the 12th of June next, in the Vestry of the Baptist Meeting House at 2 o'clock, P. M. At 5 o'clock the members of the Society will dine together in the Dining Hall, and at 7 1/2 o'clock in the evening a public meeting will be held in the Church Vestry for discussion of the following subjects:—

- 1st. Collegiate Education as it would be affected by the recently proposed University Bill.
- 2nd. College Endowment.

EDWIN D. KING,
Sec'y A. A. A. College.

WESTERN HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Members of the Western Home Missionary Board are requested to meet at the Baptist Meeting House, Nictaux, on the 11th of June, at 2 o'clock, for the transaction of business preparatory to the Association.

M. P. FREEMAN,
Sec'y.

NOTICE.

The "Nova Scotia Governors of Acadia College" will meet in the Chapel of the College on Tuesday, June 11th, at 7 1/2 P. M., to transact the business of Horton Collegiate Academy.

A. D. W. BARSS,
Sec'y. Board of Management.
Wolfville, May 27th, 1872.

N. S. BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its 22d Annual Session at North Brookfield, Queens County, commencing on Saturday the 15th of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION will hold its 22nd Annual Session at Lerwick, Kings County, commencing on Saturday the 22nd of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its 22nd Annual Session at Truro, Colchester County, commencing on Saturday the 6th of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THE N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

As we expect a large attendance at the above meeting, the delegates and friends who intend to be present will please send me their names as soon as possible. Arrangements will then be made for all who wish to come, and due notice will be given in the *Messenger* of the places assigned. Please state whether you will come with your own conveyance or by train.

E. O. READ.

Berwick, May 13th, 1872.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Digby.—A friend, for Miss Norris. \$1.00
Hebron.—Miss Lizzie A. Rowe. 10.52
Proceeds of childrens' Bazaar. 43.50
From a little boy. 05
Amherst.—M. M. Bent. 10.00
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

May 28th, 1872.

The following extract of a letter from Miss Lizzie A. Rowe, of Hebron, will be read with interest, and perhaps many of our Sabbath Schools may follow the excellent suggestions here given:—
Dear Mrs. Selden,—

I take much pleasure in sending you an account of a Juvenile Missionary Society organized the first of last August, named the "Norris Mission Band," and adopting rules similar to those of the Woman's Aid Society, the funds raised to be appropriated for the education of Karen orphan children under the direction of Miss Norris. We have met weekly, a portion of each afternoon is spent in devotional exercises, the remainder, the girls sew and knit, while one of the little boys read; before separating, each member recites a verse of Scripture upon a given subject. The Band was organized with fifteen members, and have been constantly increasing. At present there are fifty-two, of whom twenty-two have been hopelessly converted during the recent revival, and have publicly expressed their hope in the Saviour. The blessed Saviour who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," will we trust carry the lambs in His bosom and keep them all unto life eternal. We sometimes think, could our dear Sister Norris hear the voices of those little ones supplicating our Heavenly Father for blessings to descend upon her labors in a heathen land, surely her heart would be encouraged.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

C. Y. Snell, \$2. A. J. Ledbetter, 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Day. J. S. Witter, Esq., \$3. Rev. S. March. J. McPhale, \$2. W. Haley, \$4. J. M. Parker, Esq., 1 sub. Rev. P. F. Murray, \$4. Rev. Chas. Randall, \$2. L. M. Smith. Rev. T. M. Munro. A. D. W. Barss. W. J. Gates. Rev. J. B. McDonald, \$6.

News of the Week.

THE AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH in Halifax has for some time past been the subject of litigation. The Court of Equity some time since appointed arbitrators, who attempted to settle the matter some weeks ago, but in consequence of the absence of certain parties from the city their decision was deferred to Monday last. On the matter being submitted to vote, whether the Rev. James Thomas or the Rev. Benson Smithers were the properly constituted pastor and trustee of the church property, an overwhelming majority appeared for Mr. Thomas. The arbitrators, Mr. Harrington and Dr. Gilpin, then declared Mr. Thomas the duly elected pastor and trustee.

DIGBY COUNTY.—A sad case of drowning occurred at Westport, a few days ago. It appears that a young man named Charles Moore, and his brother in law were following their occupation as fishermen at Westport, and when about to return to shore the boat upset. The accident was observed from the shore, and two persons put off in a boat to render assistance to the men in the water. Moore sank and was drowned, but his companion succeeded in saving himself. One of the persons who went to the assistance of the men was also drowned, but his name is not given. Moore, who was mate of the schooner *Bloomer*, leaves a wife and two children.—*Chron.*

The *Truro Sun* reports that Mrs. Lynde, wife of William Lynde, South Branch, North River, was last week kicked by an ox, and had her leg broken below the knee.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Thursday week last, a son of Mr. Gilbert Black, Amherst Shire, about four years old, fell backward into a pot of soap just taken from the stove. He was immediately drawn out, but only survived about 30 hours.

At an examination in St. John, on Thursday, before the Marine board, Thos. E. Cann, of Yarmouth, obtained a master's certificate, and Charles F. Ray, of Margarettville N. S. one for first mate.

BRIDGETOWN.—The Kentville *Star* reports that a sad affair took place here, on Saturday last, by which Mr. Aaron Chute was seriously if not fatally injured. It is said that Mr. Chute called at the workshop of Mr. John Marshall for a small sum of money, when the latter struck the former and knocked him down stairs. Mr. Chute was taken to his residence where he laid unconscious for several hours. Although he is very seriously injured hopes of his recovery are entertained.

THE DOMINION DREDGE "CANADA."—The new iron steam dredge "Canada," built on the Clyde for the Dominion Government, to be used in deepening the harbors, arrived at this port on Saturday morning from Glasgow. Before leaving Glasgow, she made a trial trip and, in about two hours the "hopper" cavity was filled with some 200 tons of sand, gravel, &c., dredged from the bottom of the channel 19 feet deep. The dredging machinery was then, with remarkable ease, disconnected and the screw propeller put into motion, when she proceeded to sea, at the rate of about eight miles an hour. When some distance out she emptied her cargo and returned.

On Thursday last two prisoners, named Richard Hobin and James Hogan, who were at work on the Common, embraced a favorable opportunity to effect their escape. They have not yet been captured.

AN INSANE MAN named Brennan went to W. L. Lowell's office on Monday, and assumed that he was the proprietor, giving orders to the clerks to make up their accounts, &c. He was asked to take a chair for a few minutes whilst they did so. Two police officers were sent for, and the man removed, but not without considerable resistance.

THE "CAMBRIAN" ASHORE.—The steamer "Cambrian" which was recently at this port, is ashore at East Point, P. E. Island. She was bound from St. John, N. B., to Montreal.

The Yarmouth *Herald* reports that the building known as "Kilham's Hall," in Central Chebogue, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. There was a store in the basement occupied by Mr. Amiel Brown, and containing a quantity of goods.

DROWNED.—At Milton, Queens County, on Saturday week, Stanley Morton Hendry, aged 8 years, son of Mr. Israel Hendry, fell into the river and was drowned.

There are several kinds of worms which trouble horses; the pin worms, (pointed at both ends,) are the most common and most dangerous. *Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders* will in a few days eject the worms and the horse will begin to thrive.

Factories and machine shops should not be allowed to run a day without *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment*.—In case of sudden accident, an immediate use of it may save weeks of suffering, and perhaps a limb, or life.

LIVER COMPLAINT.—Deacon Calvin Baker, Lower Aylesford, had suffered for twenty years with *Disease of the Liver*. After medical aid, and every other available means had failed to benefit him, and when he was supposed to be on his death-bed, by the advice of the Rev. Abraham Stronach, he commenced the use of *Graham's Pain Eradicator*, and was cured by three bottles.

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