

public service for the current year will, I am confident, be faithfully and economically applied.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

6. In closing this Session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, it is my lot to close the official connection which for several years, has subsisted between myself and the people of this Province. To them through you, their representatives, I now bid farewell. It is to me a source of infinite satisfaction to feel assured that I leave Nova Scotia in a prosperous condition. That she may always continue so,—that her sons may ever know how to use, without abusing, the free institutions under which they live,—that they may constantly strive to maintain the honor of the Empire and promote the best interests of their own Province, is my earnest hope, and ever will be my prayer.

We should be sorry to do injustice to any one, especially to one whose statements had been called in question, in our pages, we therefore comply with the request to publish the following:—

YARMOUTH, May 1, 1873.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger:

Sir,—In your issue of April 16th you published a letter headed "Rev. John Rowe on a clergyman." Will you kindly publish the following corrections and statement.

In the first sentence Mr. Rowe says, "over a year ago I received from the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Church of England Minister at Yarmouth, a dictatorial note." I dictated nothing; but as one public man I asked, in courteous language, another public man, a question on a matter of public interest and moment. I admit most readily that Mr. Rowe had a right to decline answering the question.

In the same sentence Mr. Rowe continues, "wherein (i.e., in which note) he accuses me of dropping some expressions on Infant Baptism." I accused Mr. Rowe of nothing. I simply asked a question. The sentence concludes thus:—"which (expressions) he considered were incorrect." I gave no expression of opinion in the note, on any matter whatsoever. Here is the note.

Rev. Mr. Rowe.

YARMOUTH, Feb. 1872.

DEAR SIR,—May I ask you, in the interest of truth, to tell me: whether in so many words, or in effect you assented to Mrs. Perry that Infant Baptism was unknown and unpractised till the eleventh century?

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Rowe's letter entirely depends on the correctness of the first sentence. The ground for my asking the question, was the fact that I was told that Mr. Rowe had said so, by a gentleman, holding a responsible position, whose judgment and veracity have every reason to respect. But as he did not hear Mr. Rowe say so himself, I wrote to the fountain head for the exact site of the case.

In appealing to the same authority, after the publication of Mr. Rowe's letter, I am informed that the only mistake I have made is in the name. It was not Mrs. Perry, but Mrs. Rose, formerly Miss Perry. This alone remains to be denied.

I am, sir,

Yours truly,

J. R. CAMPBELL.

We hope Mr. Campbell will properly appreciate our readiness to enable him to correct his own mistake. A little more modesty would not be amiss, under the circumstances. His last sentence is about as clear as it is respectful.

As we copied Mr. C's. note to Mr. Rowe, in the same issue of the *C. Messenger*, as Mr. Rowe's letter appears—the 16th ult.—we think he might have saved himself the trouble of copying, and ourselves of republishing it. Three lines would have been sufficient for Mr. C. to have stated the case, but perhaps he is the best judge of that will suit his purpose.

Rev. J. R. Campbell writes to the *Church Chronicle* "to bid farewell for the present to Dr. Cramp's History." He remarks: "That gentleman has replied to my strictures in a pamphlet in which I am personally honored with eight lines, and my *Observations* with no notice whatever." He further states:—

"I have received letters from various sources, asking for a re-publication of my *Observations* in Pamphlet form; and, I am so far prepared to comply with the request, that I have in readiness for the press, not only the original observations, but also further remarks on the latter half of the history, together with an examination of Dr. Cramp's reply."

And he then proceeds:—

"But, two considerations point in the direction of making the result doubtful, as regards the benefit. The first,—which is my appeal to Scholars, is, whether it is not worse than useless to argue on any ordinary or known principles of reasoning with a gentleman whose mind is of such an order, that he can in effect, assert that the Novations, the Donatists, and the Paulicians were Baptists? The second consideration is, that instead of the question being dis-

cussed on its own merits, it is being diligently worked up into a personal matter; of which there are abundant proofs. An argument, abounding with well dealt blows, upon a well defined question, I can enjoy; but I confess I am no lover of sectarian party strife, and it seems that a large portion of this community is not yet prepared to bear the discussion of a religious matter on its own merits.

We scarcely think these considerations will be regarded as valid reasons against a republication of the "Observations" "by A Clergyman." Let them appear, in a form in which they may be read consecutively and well weighed by Episcopalians and Baptists, and we have no fears for the result.

The Protestant Native Christians of Calcutta have formed a committee to consider the formation of a United Church. The *Bengal Christian Herald* states that a meeting of the Committee held last Friday (Feb. 28) was attended by European Missionaries of various sects, who expressed their sympathy with the movement, though they doubted if it was practicable. The scheme favored is an Episcopacy, modified by Presbyterianism and Congregationalism, the Bishop possessing no more power in ecclesiastical matters than the Moderator of a Presbytery: baptism by immersion is made the rule, and infant baptism made optional.

The *Maritime Monthly* for May has an able article by Rev. G. M. Grant, entitled "Our North West." Also other continued articles. This magazine increases in interest.

Duncan Campbell is preparing a new history of Nova Scotia, to be published shortly. The Revs. Allan Pollock, G. M. Grant and P. G. McGregor, certify him to be highly qualified for the task.

After reading the extracts in our last on Madagascar, it will be highly gratifying to the christian reader to find the following statistics respecting the progress of the gospel in that island:—

The increase of church-members in Madagascar in 1871 was 17,981, making an aggregate of 38,932; while the adherents to Christianity amounted to 315,231. Two thousand native evangelists are busy in telling the story of the Cross. The number of children in schools is 30,000.

"THE CASE OF THE BAPTISTS."

Our readers, in general, and Dr. Cramp in particular, will please forgive our omitting earlier to notice the pamphlet recently published by him. In fact, we really supposed we had spoken of its contents, after its perusal a week or two since, but find that we have not done so. The title of this small pamphlet, "The Case of the Baptists," stated and explained, addressed to all whom it may concern," may be some indication of what is its design. Baptists hold that in all the essentials of Faith and Practice, they are descendants of the earliest christian disciples, and yet, somehow, the question is sometimes asked, "Who are the Baptists?" Dr. Cramp takes up this question, and in a concise and comprehensive manner, shows how they derive their "succession," from the time when all christians were Baptists down through the ages, when some became Romanists, others subsequently Cathari or Puritans, and Donatists, and then Protestants, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, &c., &c. Baptism for believers and the Lord's Supper, for those who have received and confessed Christ, are the two great features of Baptists in whatever age they have lived, and by whatever name called.

BAPTIST PROGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES, IN THE YEAR, 1872.—Baptisms, 84,625; Churches organized, 209; Meeting Houses dedicated, 164; Ministers ordained, 207; Clear increase of members, 96,041.

Notices, &c.

ACADIA ATHENÆUM.

The next lecture of the course will be delivered by Rev. G. O. Heustie, in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Wolfville, on Friday evening, May 9th, at 7½ o'clock. Subject:—"Our Young Women."

H. W. RAND, Cor. Sec'y.

The Baptist Church at WESTPORT is now without a pastor; Rev. J. A. Moore having accepted an invitation from the Church at Port George, Annapolis County.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Geo. V. Rand, 1 sub. Rev. W. B. Bogg, \$1.90. Rev. E. O. Read, A. G. Musgrave, \$32.00. Rev. D. A. Steele. Rev. H. Bool. H.

A. Davidson. It is and regularly. Is the address right? Dr. Sawyer. Rev. S. Boothby. Rev. E. C. Spinney. J. Selfridge, \$3.00. Chas. Hall, Esq. \$2. H. E. Payson, Esq., \$2. R. Chambers, Esq., \$32.

C. Gates, \$20. J. Lantz, \$2. Rev. J. R. Campbell Rev. J. B. McDonald, 1 sub., \$4. Rev. P. L. Hampton. Rev. W. H. Warren, \$2. M. Kinsman, \$2. M. E. Marshall, \$5.

News of the Week.

AN "INDIAN" WINTER came upon us on Saturday and Sunday. After having had two or three weeks of pleasant, genial weather, and some of the early peas and other plants and flowers making their appearance, we had a visit of cold with a heavy snow storm. Ice formed at night, and we fear some of the rapid vegetation commencing to start has been nipped in the bud.

THE "ATLANTIC" WRECK.—The efforts to open the sides of the ship, have at length been successful. Charges of 140 lbs. of powder were put in and fired by electricity, which lifted off large portions of her side, enabling the wreckers to get at the cargo and bodies. A large number of small boats have been around on suitable days, endeavouring to secure the floating portions of the wreck and cargo. There are still about 100 of the bodies not yet recovered.

THE NEW ATLANTIC CABLE it appears is not now to be laid to Halifax. Notwithstanding that a cable-house has been erected, and the shore end laid from it to about ten miles out to sea, and conveyed in iron pipes from the house below the city through the streets to the Telegraph office. Word has come that an arrangement has been effected between the English and French Cable Companies, so that the new Cable will be laid only from France to Newfoundland, and the continuation will be conveyed thence by the existing lines.

The GEDDIE FUND now amounts to \$1358.65.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE Winter session closed on Wednesday last. The Faculty and Students walked in procession from the College to Argyle Hall, where a large company had assembled to witness the closing ceremonies.

The degree of B. A. was conferred upon 12 graduates, J. M. Allan, C. W. Byden, D. F. Creelman, W. Cameron, K. Duff, John Hunter, Charles D. McDonald, A. H. McKay, J. A. McKee, W. Ross, J. M. Robinson. A special certificate was awarded A. H. McKay, who had taken a special course and graduated with high honor. The Valedictory was delivered by Mr. A. H. McKay.

The *Witness* says:—"Rev. C. B. Pitblado addressed the Convocation briefly speaking of the need for better accommodation, and of a better provision for the Higher Education. He expressed a hope that some political party would at the risk of political martyrdom grapple with the subject. Rev. G. M. Grant spoke with great severity of the Local Government and Legislature for their utter disregard of the Higher Education." He also pointed to the discreditable fact that there is not a High School or a grammar school in the city.

We have not much hope of any political party doing a great deal for Education. It is time for Halifax to help itself.

COAL IN HANTS COUNTY.—It is reported that a seam of coal had been found and opened on the Clark & Whittier property, at Kennetcook. The seam was struck thirty feet below the surface, and about thirty bushels of coal taken out, which, upon trial, proved to be of good quality.

PICTOU COUNTY.—The "Eastern Chronicle" reports that on Tuesday, at Westville a woman believed to have been under the influence of intoxicating liquors, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the reservoir at the Acadia Coal Company's Works. She was taken out before life was extinct.

DROWNED.—A young man named Robert Stewart, was drowned in Lochaber Lake, Inverness, on the 24th ult., by the upsetting of a boat.

A special to the "Reporter" states that a man named Gates, from Annapolis, was drowned on Thursday, while log-driving near Windsor.

The Yarmouth "Herald" reports that on the 13th ult. six men put off in a boat from the American brigantine "Ariana," lying in Lower Clyde River, and before reaching shore the boat filled and sunk, and three of the men were drowned.

LIMEL CASE.—One of the suits to be tried at the present term of the Supreme Court, is an action for damages brought by the Rev. George Patterson, Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of this province, against the "Citizen" Publishing Company, (represented by Peter Ross) in that the Citizen newspaper contained a false and malicious libel on the Rev. gentleman concerning a certain note of hand. For the Plaintiff there are Messrs. James (Q. C.) and Foster, Shannon, Q. C., and Henry, Q. C. For the defence Messrs. Coombes and Thompson,—Colonist.

FRENCH PACKET WRECKED.—The Government steamer "Lady Head" arrived on Thursday, from Sable Island, bringing the crew and passengers of the packet schooner "Stella Maria," wrecked on the Island while on the passage from Halifax to St. Pierre, Miquelon. No other wrecks are reported on the Island.

THE CITY OF PICTOU.—Pictou is now incorporated as a city, and entitled to the rank and privileges (and taxes) of a full grown community. Pictou has done wisely to take this step in advance, and we hope that other towns will not be slow to follow her example.—*Witness*.

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.—A J. Bicknell & Co., New York, will publish on the 15th May a volume entitled "Church Architecture." It will be illustrated with Plans, Elevations and Views of Twenty-one Churches and two School Houses, in photolithography. By F. C. Withees. The price of the volume is \$20.

LEG BROKEN.—As the steamer *Linda* was leaving her wharf, Yarmouth, for Boston, on Saturday last, one of her fenders struck N. K. Clements, Esq., owner of the vessel and greatly injured one of his legs. About a year ago Mr. Clements had the same leg broken by means of the same vessel.

FIRE AT PORT MEDWAY.—On Saturday morning last, about 10 o'clock, a fire was discovered in a dwelling house, at Port Medway, belonging to Andrew Mack and Bro's. and occupied by Mr. Alexander Lisk. The house with all its contents was burned; the house adjoining and the store opposite, owned and occupied by Mr. Gilbert S. Mack, were also burned to the ground. Loss estimated at \$3000; insured for \$1000.—*Liverpool Advertiser*.

THE NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, Lieut. Gen. O'Grady Haley, General Doyle's successor in the command of the British troops in North America, arrived on Saturday morning in the R. M. S. *Moravian*, accompanied by his family. The usual salute was fired from the Citadel battery.

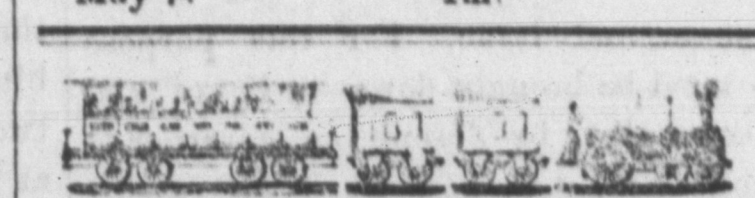
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The names of two parties willing to become sureties for the faithful performance of the contract must be given in each tender.

(Signed) LEWIS CARVELL, General Superintendent.
Railway Office, Moncton, {
April 23rd, 1873. } April 30.

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