

of our Lord Jesus Christ. As abroad, so at home, the proposed work is one of help, conducted in relations which acknowledge dependence. The Woman's Board supports its own missionaries, but it does not appoint them. The Executive Committee of the Missionary Union does that. They are examined, appointed, and designated to their fields of labor by the Union, exactly as its own missionaries are. In all matters of policy and management, it is intended that the Woman's Board shall be in free and constant consultation with the Union. It is not unwomanly for our sisters to hold meetings of their own, to converse and pray together. Neither, surely, is it unwomanly for our sisters to give into the treasury of the Lord, nor to give freely, in proportion to what they have, nor to deny themselves for the sake of giving. There is no departure from woman's proper sphere when she comes forward and says, "Make room for me, and I will help toward giving the gospel to every creature." And when the work which she proposes is strictly a work of help, and a work well suited to her powers, and work she is fully able to do, by a little effort, over and above all her former activities, what shall we say but "Welcome!" May God speed every heart that thus desires to be useful!

WHAT NEW BRUNSWICKERS THINK OF IT.

Our contemporary the *Visitor* speaks out very distinctly on the recent vote in the House of Commons in reference to the N. B. School Assessment Act. We copy the article as follows:

THE HIERARCHY AT WORK.

Once more have the enemies of Free Schools put forth an effort to destroy the admirable system only of late introduced into our province, and this time they have succeeded in securing the assistance of professed non-sectarian Free-school men, in carrying through the Dominion Parliament a resolution looking to the crippling of our law, by the disallowance of Acts passed by our Local Legislature. The men who have gained this unenviable triumph are first the Roman Catholic members of the House of Commons, who, yielding up their right of judgment and sense of propriety, have done just what the Hierarchy of their church demanded they should do. But these could have done absolutely nothing had they not been joined by Protestant members who stand opposed to the Dominion Government, and who, for the sake of gaining a pultry advantage, were willing to shew themselves as the violators of the constitution, and go hand in hand with the enemies of free education. Mr. Costigan, as instructed by his mentors, introduced into the House of Commons a resolution calling upon the Governor-General to disallow the Acts legalizing the assessments for school purposes, passed by our Local Legislature last session. In support of his resolution he stated that the Roman Catholics of this Province were by the School Act deprived of rights held by them previous to Union, and yet our Legislature, Government, and Judges of the Supreme Court, as well as the Law Officers of the Crown in England, have all decided that no such rights existed.

Mr. McKenzie, leader of the Opposition, hoping that he had at last fallen on a question upon which he could oust the Government, called upon his adherents to join in the cry raised, and add weight to the resolution by their votes as Protestants and Free School men.

And thus, notwithstanding the strenuous exertions of the Government and every representative of this Province, save those of Victoria, Gloucester, and Kent, the obnoxious resolution was adopted. The result is not doubtful. The laws passed by our Local Legislature will not be disallowed, and the confidence of the Province in the Act of Union will not be disturbed, but this action of the Catholic Hierarchy indicates that notwithstanding all the experiences of the past, they are not averse to enter upon another struggle for clerical domination. We have long foreseen that such a time might come, but we were not prepared for the Catholics to force it on at a time when the result cannot fail to be disastrous to their cause, and in a manner that is most offensive to the large majority of our people. When bigotry, sophistry, and arrogance seek to bind men's consciences, keep them in ignorance, and subject to the grossest superstitions, it becomes the duty of every lover of his kind to stand forth and champion the principles of freedom, enlightenment, and a true Christianity; and the people of New Brunswick will not be backward in giving such a satisfactory expression of their feelings and determination in the premises as shall forever set at rest these spasmodic efforts to prevent the onward march of progress and liberty.

The advocates of Roman Catholic Separate Schools by the passing of Mr. Costigan's resolution in the Dominion House of Commons may have achieved a triumph. By their zeal and cleverness they managed to secure a majority, but we believe the mischievous tendency of the combination for that purpose will be full of danger

to themselves as well as to the public interests. We are not at any time surprised to find Roman Catholics combining for the purpose of accomplishing their objects, at any cost, but we were surprised to find Protestants and friends of Union, by the vote given on that occasion, trampling the constitution under foot, and endeavouring to control the Governor-General in the exercise of his legitimate functions. If the Local Legislatures are to have their acts reviewed by the House of Commons, and the Governor-General is to give his assent only to Acts when approved of by a majority of both branches of the Dominion Parliament, our liberties have indeed been taken from us, and the power of framing laws in the several Provinces is but a delusion and a sham. If the Roman Catholics in the two parties—both the Government and Opposition—are to cut their party bonds whenever a motion is made which appears to promise advantage to their church, and no respect is to be paid to the legitimate limits of power in the Provincial and Dominion Parliaments, then farewell to all faith in Roman Catholics as legislators, and indeed in any others who may be entrapped into aiding them in accomplishing their objects.

The passing of Mr. Costigan's resolution will doubtless result in some good. The assault on the Constitution will open the eyes of the people to the place where danger lurks; and if the Federal Union is to continue proper checks must be supplied to repel any such attacks in future. The House of Commons having volunteered advice to the Governor-General to act in opposition to the opinion of the Imperial Law officers, he has submitted the matter to Her Majesty's Privy Council. The probabilities are that a reply will be given shewing that the House of Commons overstepped its functions in proffering its advice to the Governor-General as to what acts he should or should not allow.

The matter is not now simply a New Brunswick one, nor is it simply a Separate School affair, but it becomes a constitutional question touching the very vitals of the Legislatures of all the Provinces. We shall wait with some anxiety to hear the decision given from England.

It appears that Mr. Costigan's resolution was concocted by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. The *Nouvelles Mondes* a Montreal Jesuit organ, states, that when Bishop Sweeney went up to Ottawa there was no hope of passing the resolution. He, however, succeeded in securing the help of the Quebec Bishops, and then "the face of matters was changed." "The entire Opposition consented to support the Bishops!"

It is time for all true Protestants to awake and see whither we are drifting!

The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, both in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, have taken up the matter and have given expression to their views on the subject. The former in their Address give the following very distinct utterance respecting their views of public education, in connection with their remonstrance against the late attempt of the Roman Catholics to override the Constitution. They say:

"As a church we have deep convictions as to the importance of religious training, but in the circumstances of our country we hold that such training is properly the work of the parent and of the Church, not of the State. What the State ought to do is to furnish to all alike, the poor as well as the rich, the means of education, and that resting on the broad basis of non-sectarian principles. In this view Presbyterians generally concur. While holding these principles, we earnestly repudiate as a libel on our religion and on our honesty of purpose, the charge of being infidel or godless in our sentiments, and we are compelled to believe that those that make such charges are not honest in doing so. We, therefore, rejoice in the establishment of free non-sectarian schools in our province, schools that offer a fair field to all, and favor to none."

We learn from the *Witness* that the Central Committee, in Halifax, have given the subject earnest consideration, and forwarded their views to the Government at Ottawa. The terms in which these views are expressed are believed to be equal to the occasion.

We have full reports of the English Baptist Anniversaries in London, and of the American Baptist Societies recently held in Albany, in our exchanges; but the amount of other matter claimant for early insertion, has compelled us to forego the pleasure of placing these before our readers this week.

FROM REV. E. N. ARCHIBALD.

BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS.

May 15, 1873.

Mr. Editor,—

It is now almost three years since I turned my face toward this Great West. It was not because I did not love my native land, or my adopted home on P. E. Island, or the dear brethren in Christ, both in the churches and in the ministry.

But we acted under the advice of our skillful physician. We have found the change to be very beneficial. We trust a larger acquaintance with the world as well as with God's dear people in their plans of christian work will be of service to us in the future.

Drawn by my own feelings of attachment to, and by the story so often told in, the *Christian Messenger* of the pressing need of our churches for more laborers, I have decided to return and again find a home in the land I still love best. I place myself under the guiding hand of our dear Lord and believe he will send me to a field where I can sow the divine seed and reap for Him the immortal grain.

If any church wishes to correspond with me they can do so after the 10th of June by directing to

E. N. ARCHIBALD,
Bedeque, P. E. I.

We are glad to know that our brother has decided to return to these provinces where there is so much need of faithful ministers.

JUNE 20, 1873.

Mr. Editor,

Enclosed you will please receive one twenty dollar note, towards the professors' salaries in Acadia College and two five dollar notes, for the French Mission.

I don't know where the Home Mission board is gone to.

Please acknowledge in *Messenger*, and oblige

Yours etc.,

"TENDER HEARTED ONE TOWARD ANOTHER."

As our brother writes from one of the Eastern Churches we may therefore inform him that the N. S. Home Missionary Board is located in Halifax, of which he will shortly have a practical illustration.

It will be observed that our list of Marriages includes that of our brother Rev. I. E. Bill, editor of the *Christian Visitor* with Mrs. Dove. Most heartily do we wish them all possible happiness in the pleasant combination hereby effected.

Notices, &c.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1873.

The Nova Scotia Western Association will meet with the Church at Bridgetown, on Saturday the 21st day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Nova Scotia Central Association will meet with the Church at Bridgewater, on Saturday the 28th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Nova Scotia Eastern Association will meet with the Church at Pugwash on Saturday the 12th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The New Brunswick Western Association will meet with the Kewick Church on Thursday the 26th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The New Brunswick Eastern Association will meet with the Second Cambridge Church on Tuesday the 8th day of July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Prince Edward Island Baptist Association will meet with the Church at Summerside on Saturday the 12th day of July at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GOING TO THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION AT BRIDGEWATER.

Mr. Fishwick, the proprietor of the *M. A. Starr*, has kindly consented to take any persons wishing to attend the Association, to Lunenburg and back,—by her regular trip on Tuesday and return on Friday, for one fare—\$2.00 a head; or, as these days would be altogether unsuitable, for \$100 Mr. F. will run the *M. A. Starr* from Halifax and up the LaHave River to Bridgewater on Saturday morning, taking any number of passengers desirous of going, and return them from Lunenburg on the following Friday.

Parties desirous of going at such time will please make early application, before the 15th of June, to Mr. David Thompson, 55 Gottington St., or at the *Christian Messenger* office, Halifax.

NOTICE.

All delegates intending to be present at the next session of the Central Baptist Association at Bridgewater, to be convened on the 28th of June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., will please forward their names without delay to B. W. C. Manning, Esq., Bridgewater, so that suitable accommodation may be provided for all.

By order of the Church,
W. J. GATES,
Church Clerk.
Bridgewater, May 7th, 1873.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"From Georgia" we have been obliged to defer to next week. Also an interesting letter from Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.

NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

All ministers and delegates intending to be present at the next session of the Western Baptist Association at Bridgetown, to be convened on the 21st of June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., will please forward their names within 10 days from the date of this to John B. Reed, Bridgetown; so that suitable accommodation may be provided for all.

By order of the Committee,—

JOHN B. REED.

Bridgetown, May 28th, 1873.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union will be held, (D. V.) at Bridgetown on Friday, June 20th at 10 o'clock, A. M.

STEPHEN MARCH,

Sec'y to the Union.

HORTON ACADEMY

There will be a meeting of the Governors of Acadia College, resident in Nova Scotia, in the College Chapel, on Tuesday, June 3rd, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

A. DEW. BARSS, Sec.

Wolfville, May 17th, 1873.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Chapel, Wednesday, June 4th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec.

Wolfville, May 17th, 1873.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Anniversary Exercises will be held on Thursday, the 5th day of June in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville. The Terminal Examination will take place on the preceding Monday and Tuesday.

On Wednesday will be the meeting of the Governors.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Anniversary of the Alumni Society will be celebrated at Wolfville on Wednesday the 4th day of May instant. The Alumni will dine together at 5 p. m.; and will hold their Annual Meeting at 8 p. m. in the Vestry of the Baptist Meeting House.

EDWIN D. KING, Sec.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Amherst—Emily Freeman, - - \$10.00
Clarence, Annapolis Co.—Huldah T. Jackson, - - - - - 12.00
Osborne, Shelburne Co.—Mrs. C. Doleman, - - - - - 6.00

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

May 27th, 1873.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$3.50. Rev. G. Armstrong, M. R. Shaw, all right; thanks, 20c. C. Noonan, \$2. J. McKinlay, J. H. Sabean, Rev. W. H. Warren, H. E. S. Mader, M. R. Eaton, G. H. Dobson, J. J. Armstrong, R. R. Stevenson, G. M. Burns, \$2. Rev. Dr. Sawyer, M. E. Marshall, \$4. Isaiah Thurber, Esq., \$2.00. Rev. E. N. Archibald, M. Kinsman, \$8. Mrs. F. Perrin, \$2. C. H. Wetherbe, D. Nichols—Yes, it was acknowledged March 19th. S. N. Lyon. Rev. J. Rewe.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A CLERGYMAN'S OPINION OF AN ESTABLISHED CHURCH.—The Rev. H. Canham, of Walsingham, Woodbridge, England, declares, as a clergyman of the Established Church, that the following are the kinds of men who obtain preferment:—

1. Those who give money. 2. Those who have influential relatives, in the shape of bishops or other ecclesiastical dignitaries. 3. Those who go in strong for the hustings. 4. And those who have the good fortune to be connected in some way with the Lord Chancellor. In nine cases out of ten merit has no weight whatever in the matter of preferment. It is simply a matter of interest or capital. Hence the utter inefficiency and incapacity found in positions of great usefulness and responsibility, and the disappointment and disgust which are already beginning to obtain upon not a small portion of the laity."

GREAT-BUTCHERS' FESTIVAL AT THE METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE.—The eighth annual gathering of the journeyman butchers, employed chiefly in the Metropolitan Meat Market, took place a week or two ago in the large rooms under the Tabernacle, under the presidency of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon. There were about twelve hundred butchers present, and these filled the lecture hall and class rooms of the Tabernacle. With the exception of a few ladies presiding at the tables, it was found necessary to limit the attendance to the sterner sex. That they were butchers, pure and simple no man in his senses who glanced at their hands and faces could doubt. All the types of the order were there. The smart youth who, shining and hatless, shoots round suburban corners behind a plump little trotting pony, handled the plumcake as deftly as to day he will handle the reins. The mild ruddy faced giant; bashfully passing his tea-cup, was just the man you would select for felling a prize ox. Rough and ready as many of these men were there was nothing boisterous and nothing vulgar in their conduct, except indeed, to the superfine soul to whom any tea-table must be vulgar where, 1,150 pounds of meat, 5 cwt. of bread, and 5 cwt. of cake are made to vanish like chaff before the wind.

Tea over, the butcher-guests adjourned to the area of the Tabernacle, which was reserved for them, while the galleries were crowded with a mixed audience mainly composed of the wives, sisters, and friends of the guests below. Mr. Varley must be congratulated on the gathering. He has sought mainly to reclaim them from their intemperate habits. With the exception, perhaps, of Mr. Spurgeon, there is no gentleman of his vocation who has made a greater number of friends amongst working men, and who is looked up to and respected more on account of the proved value of the counsel and advice he is always cheerfully ready to assist them with.

The service commenced with a hymn. Prayer was then offered by Mr. Spurgeon. Subsequently after a few amusing anecdotes, he made a serious appeal to the butchers not to lose sight of the paramount claims of Christianity, enforcing it by a happy reference to what once took place at Smithfield. If the Jesus of the trade, as he called them, only took the advice he gave in the matter of cart-driving, the hospitals would have less work, and the list of fatal accidents would be minus numerous entries. All the speakers were listened to attentively.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Boarding House,
The subscriber has taken his old stand.
No. 30 DOCK STREET,
AND IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE
TRANSIENT BOARDERS.
G. M. BURNS.
St. John, N. B., May 13th, 1873.
May 28. 2mts. pd.

BAZAAR.
THE Ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle in Onslow intend holding a sale of useful and ornamental articles at the New Baptist Meeting-House in Onslow, in the last week in June or the first week in July ensuing of which timely notice will be given. Tea and Refreshments will be furnished on the occasion, the proceeds to be in aid of the Baptist Church Building-Fund.
Contributions which will be gratefully received, and may be forwarded to
Mrs. JAMES McCURDY,
Mrs. JAMES LINTON,
Mrs. FRANCIS LARRAIN.
Onslow, May 21st, 1873.
May 28.

READ THIS!
A valuable Property for sale, consisting of
THREE HUNDRED ACRES
of land, situated Ten miles from Weymouth Bridge. There are One Hundred Acres cleared, and cutting Twenty-five or Thirty tons of hay, with plenty of pasture. There is a good Dwelling House with barn and other out buildings. Also, two never-failing wells of water. There is—
A LARGE ORCHARD
of Apple and Cherry trees chiefly grafted fruit. Also, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES OF LAND well timbered with Pine, Spruce and Hard-wood, with a good Saw Mill in the centre.
The above property is conveniently situated for three farms, as the road passes through the centre. It is also crossed by the Annapolis and Yarmouth Railway line.
Parties desiring to purchase can have possession at any time with Crops, Stock and Farming implements if they wish. For further particulars apply to—
JOSEPH SABEAN,
Riverdale, Digby Co., May 23, 1873.
May 28. 6ms. pd.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
NEW SEASON TEAS
DIRECT FROM CHINA.
E. W. Sutcliffe
begs to call the attention of his friends and the public generally to the fact that he is now disposing of his large, varied and well selected stock of TEAS,
At Reduced Prices,
To make room for the
New Season Teas,
daily expected direct from China. Purchasers will save money by sending their orders to
E. W. SUTCLIFFE,
CORNER OF BARRINGTON
AND
BUCKINGHAM STREETS,
N. B.—The only special TEA & COFFEE Establishment in the Province.
April 23.

1873. SPRING STOCK. 1873.
A. & W. MACKINLAY.
Have received per recent arrivals a large portion of their
Spring Stock
OF
STATIONERY, BLANK BOOKS,
Room Paper, &c.
To which they invite the attention of buyers.
ON HAND—A large stock of
SCHOOL BOOKS,
SCHOOL MAPS,
SCHOOL GLOBES.
A. & W. MACKINLAY.
Granville Street.
April 30.