

Many of our readers will be thankful to read the following from Rev. T. H. Porter who has returned from California to Fredericton, New Brunswick:

Dear Editor,—My Father in Heaven has been better to me than, when I last wrote, I feared. Instead of being left to languish in a distant land, through the kindness of Christian friends, here and elsewhere, I am again at home. Many are the prayers that have ascended to heaven on my behalf; and, though my health is not restored, I rejoice to be able to say, that both Sundays since I returned I have been able to preach, once without any apparent injury. The church here have asked me to labor a while, as I can, in conjunction with Dr. Spurgeon, and I never felt it a greater pleasure to preach the precious Gospel.

I have seen days of darkness, but I can thank my loving Father for them all—I do not wish to have one pang less. I have at last learned that hard lesson—the sweetness of affliction—and I now commit with confidence myself, present and future, and all my interests, into the dear Father's faithful hands. O, how sweet for one, who has long been tempest-tossed, to be able to rest—rest on the promise of a faithful God—rest in the arms of a precious, precious Saviour, able to save the uttermost.

Permit me to say to you in trouble,—
"Rest, weary soul!
The ransom paid,
For all my sins full satisfaction—
Strive not to do thyself what Christ has done,
Claim the free gift, and make the joy thine own,
No more pangs of guilt and fear distress,
Rest, sweetly rest!"

"Rest, weary heart,
From all thy silent griefs and secret pain,
Thy profitless regrets, and longings vain;
Wisdom and love have ordered all the past,
All shall be blessedness and light at last;
Cast off the cares that have so long oppressed;
Rest, sweetly rest!"

T. H. PORTER,
Fredericton, June 14, 1875.

P. S.—I desire most heartily to endorse the sentiments of my dear brother M. P. Freeman in the closing paragraph of his letter in your issue of June 9th.

T. H. P.

Business is very dull and money is very scarce, is the report from St. John, Quebec, Montreal as well as Halifax, and indeed everywhere. And yet men have to eat and drink, wear clothes, live in houses, and all just as when trade is said to be brisk and lively. Why then is business dull? This is no doubt a fact, and the enquiry is whether this arises simply from an idea, or from some commercial disarrangement, which will be rectified by the passing away of a few weeks or months? There is the same number of people in existence, and about the same amount of money as ever in their possession. Why then is there a diminution of trade? and that all over this continent? The lowness of freights is but a secondary cause. Over-trading some say has brought its consequent depression. That could hardly operate so generally. Where then does it commence? These are questions to which it is not easy to frame a satisfactory answer.

After Mrs. Hunt-Morgan's Lecture at Hantsport last week, on behalf of her Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Halifax, a neat little set of tea-spoons was found in the collection-plate.

Mrs. Morgan is now visiting Cornwallis, where her Lectures are well attended, and receive a hearty response in the contributions of the people.

"Information Wanted" is received. We think it undesirable that, in the present juncture, Foreign Mission matters should be discussed anonymously. The action of the Convention is before the Denomination, and it will not be long before ample opportunity will be afforded of obtaining all necessary information, so that every person may be fully satisfied as to what is the best course to pursue.

It is probable that the railway arrangements will bring a large number of the brethren to the city on Thursday evening. This will be very favorable to the meeting of the Home Missionary Union the following morning. We have had no intimation as to what may be anticipated at this meeting, but are sure that it is of the utmost importance that this part of our church work should be more fully considered than it has ever yet been, and that its claims should be met with promptness and liberality.

On Sunday last, Methodist ministers filled nearly all the Protestant pulpits (except the Church of England) in the city and vicinity. The Rev. Mr. Hartz preached an able discourse in the evening in Granville Street Church. In the course of his sermon, he made a most touching allusion to the death of the late Dr. Charles DeWolf, mentioning that he attributed his conversion to a sermon he heard from Rev. Dr. Crawley in that place of worship, whilst he Mr. DeWolf was a law student in Halifax.

Notices.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1875.

The N. S. WESTERN ASSOCIATION will meet in its 25th Annual Session, with the Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Church, at Tremont, on Saturday the 19th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The N. S. HOME MISSIONARY UNION will hold its third Anniversary in Granville Street Church, Halifax, on Friday, the 25th day of June, meeting at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION will meet in its 25th Annual Session with the First Halifax Baptist Church in Granville Street Church, on Saturday, the 26th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION will meet in its 25th Annual Session at Great Village, Londonderry, on Saturday, the 10th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The N. B. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet with the Church at Centreville, Carleton Co., on Tuesday, the 22nd day of June.

The N. B. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet with the Church at Butternut Ridge, on Tuesday, the 13th day of July.

The P. E. ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet in its Annual Session with the Church at North River, on Saturday, the 17th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND will commence its 30th Annual Session on Saturday, the 21st day of August, with the Baptist Church at Hillsbury, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Delegates to the Home Missionary Union, and to the Central Association which meet with the Granville St. Church, Halifax, on the 25th and 26th of June, are requested to forward their names at once to the subscriber, to facilitate arrangements for their entertainment, of which they will be notified.

B. H. EATON,
Clerk of Granville Street Baptist Church,
Committee.—A. Robinson, R. N. Beckwith, L. S. Payzant, A. L. Wood, Dr. Delaney, and S. Selden.

The N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION is to meet in Great Village, Londonderry, July 10, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Ministers and other Delegates are respectfully requested to send in their names to the Secretary of Committee without any avoidable delay so that provision may be made for their entertainment.

L. C. LAYTON, Sec. of Com.
Great Village, Londonderry,
June 14, 1875.

P. E. I. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

As the Baptist Association of P. E. Island will meet with the church at North River on 17th July, delegates and friends from a distance intending to be present at the Association, will please correspond with the Clerk of the church, at least one week previously, so that suitable accommodation may be provided for them.

FRANCIS BAIN,
North River, P. E. I.
North River, June 8th, 1875.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE.

The next Annual Meeting of the Institute will be held at Hillsbury, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 18th and 19th of August. Brethren who purpose to be present are requested to convene at the meeting-house, on Wednesday at 10 a. m., for the purpose of making necessary arrangements.

It is expected that papers will be read by Revs. Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Crawley, E. M. Saunders, J. D. Pope, W. P. Everett, and others.

W. H. WARREN,
Secretary.

Yarmouth, June 10, 1875.

The subscriber wishes his friends and correspondents to address him at Tusket, Yarmouth Co., where he recently took the oversight of the Baptist church in that village.

TO THE CHURCHES OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,—As the time is drawing near for the Association to meet at Great Village it would be well that any church that wishes to accommodate that body next year should send an invitation in their letter, so as not to have the delay there has sometimes been in deciding where it is to be held next year.

A BAPTIST.

May 23, 1875.

TEA-MEETING AT GREENFIELD, QUEENS CO.

The ladies of Greenfield intend holding a Tea-meeting on the seventh day of July next, to procure funds to finish their Parsonage, all persons wishing to aid in a good cause will please give them their patronage.

There will also be offered for sale a few useful and fancy articles. Should the day prove stormy it will be held on the day following. Doors open at two o'clock, P. M. Tea forty-cents; for children under twelve years, twenty cents.

Committee: Mrs. GORHAM FREEMAN,
" STEWART HUNT,
Mrs. H. G. FREEMAN,
Secretary.
Greenfield, Queens Co., June 15th, 1875.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

At a Convocation held at Acadia College on Thursday, June 3rd, 1875, Messrs. William G. Parsons, Israel M. Longley, Adoniram J. Stevens, Benjamin Rand, Howard Bars, and George E. Good, having completed the prescribed term of study and having passed satisfactory examinations thereon, were respectively admitted to the Degree of Bachelor in Arts.

The Degree of Doctor of Divinity, Cmsd Honoris, was conferred on Rev. John Crawford, Professor of Theology in the Institute at Woodstock, Ontario.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec'y.
Wolfville, June 17, 1875.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT AT GERRISH HALL.

The Sabbath School held in connection with the Baptist church, meeting in Gerrish Hall, will hold a Sabbath School Concert, to-morrow, Thursday evening. There will be a variety of Exercises in Recitations and Singing. Several of the Blind Young Men—members of the church, will take part in the exercises. The Concert is held at this time in consequence of the vacation at the Blind Asylum commencing at the end of the present week.

The public are invited.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

June 4—Per Rev. Dr. G. E. Day,
Milton Baptist Church,
Yarmouth, N. S. \$3.20
" 12—Per Rev. W. P. Everett,
St. John, a Traveller. 1.00
" 15—Per Rev. Dr. G. E. Day,
Mrs. Eliza Killam, Lake
George Church, Yarmouth,
N. S. \$2.00

THOMAS P. DAVIES,
Treasurer, Foreign Missionary Board.
St. John, June 18th, 1875.

Local News.

THE CHANGE OF GAUGE of which we have been hearing so much for several weeks past, was successfully effected on Friday and Saturday last on the Intercolonial line between Halifax and St. John N. B., and on to Point du Chêne. A telegram to the Chronicle says the change was made on Friday, the average time per mile of the change surpassed in speed that of any road that has made such a change.

Both at Moncton and Truro, cars had the broad gauge truck taken out, and the narrow ones put in, within 60 seconds. The gangs of men employed in changing the cars were changed every six hours, and luncheon furnished every three hours.

Traffic was to be fully resumed on Tuesday, after which date the Intercolonial will be second to no railway on this Continent, in equipment: having an entirely new stock of engines; new wheels under all cars; Westinghouse Air Brake; Miller platforms and couplers on passenger trains; steel rails, and everything appertaining to a first-class railway, which last includes an efficient staff of officers.

Trains may be delayed a little for a few days, in consequence of all the engines and rolling stock being new and stiff in their bearings, which of course is unavoidable.

A lad named Watson Bowes son of the late Mr. James Bowes, met with an accident in getting a boat off, and crushed two fingers of his left hand so badly that it was found necessary to amputate the first, and it may be that he will lose the second also.

FINED.—Alex. Renner was convicted of selling liquor to boys of 14 and 15 years of age. He was fined.

MONDAY THE 21st of JUNE was observed in Halifax as a holiday for the purpose of celebrating the city's Anniversary. The choice of Horse racing as part of the programme stamps the thing as an affair of rowdyism, gambling and drunkenness. It is a pity our young people should be led to think this a worthy mode of enjoyment on such an occasion.

PRESTON.—A woman named Ann Gaston took a fit about three weeks since and fell into the fire. She received such injuries that it is not likely she will recover.

ELLERHOUSE.—On Tuesday night a fire was discovered in an unoccupied house near the Railway Station, owned by Mr. Edward Ahern, of Halifax. The house was totally destroyed.

Port Hawkesbury reports a big lobster of the following dimensions.—Body 17 inches long—Claw 15 inches long, 5 inches wide, and 12 inches round—weight 9 lbs.

I have been cured of a distressing pain between my shoulders by using Graham's Pain Expectorator.

ROBERT MCCORMICK, Chatham, P. Q.

TEMPERANCE.

"Pearl" Band of Hope recently organized here, numbers seventy and is in excellent working order.

On Friday evening, by request, William Silver, Esq., of Halifax, visited and addressed the Band. His remarks were timely, and listened to with earnest attention by all present. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was presented to him for his useful instruction and advice.

Later in the evening Mr. Silver favoured Phoenix Division S. of T. with a most earnest and practical address. His last 40 years experience in Temperance work had enabled him to mark its working, and discern some of its weak points. He dwelt forcibly on the fact that many who now were with us had stepped aside, and he pointed out the remedies, one of which was the care of the young—Bands of Hope &c. Next followed Mr. Johnson, Attorney, late of Wolfville, now practising law at Bridgewater. His remarks were very enthusiastic, his address was more especially directed to young men. We are much encouraged when our legal advisers and men of wealth and position in society give their testimony in favor of the temperance cause, and are willing to lend a helping hand. "Phoenix Division" now more than 21 years old, never was so prosperous. Its members will always be glad to welcome city or other visitors at its Friday evening meetings or at its Band of Hope early the same evening.

W. J. G.
Supt. Band of Hope.
Bridgewater, June 10th, 1875.

HONOURS AT UNIVERSITY.—At the Convocation of Toronto University the Baptist students obtained honors as follows: In the 1st year, J. Morgan, Uxbridge, and J. Farmer, Perth, Scholarships in Classics—the latter also in General Proficiency. In the 3rd year: E. Harris, Brantford, a Scholarship in Classics; A. K. Blackader, Yarmouth, N. S. a Scholarship in Mathematics, and also in General Proficiency; J. A. W. Stewart, Woodstock, the scholarship in Metaphysics, and P. S. Campbell, Woodstock a Scholarship in General Proficiency. The degree of B. A., and a silver medal were obtained by A. P. McDairmid, in Metaphysics. J. O. Yule, Woodstock, also obtained the degree of M. A.

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June 23.



WINDSOR AND ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.

CHANGE OF GAUGE.

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS
From THURSDAY, 17th June,
to MONDAY, 28th June, 1875.

THE Gauge of this Railway will be changed to NARROW GAUGE, on Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th June, and the Gauge of the Intercolonial Railway on Friday and Saturday, the 18th and 19th June. In consequence, the following Train arrangements are rendered necessary:

On Thursday, 17th June, Trains will run as per present Time Table, but no Freight will be conveyed to Halifax or East of Windsor Junction.

From Friday, 18th June, to Thursday, 24th June, inclusive, Trains will run as per present Time Table, Passengers and Freight being conveyed between Halifax and Windsor Junction by Intercolonial Special Trains, and transferred at Windsor Junction.

On Friday and Saturday, 25th and 26th June, the Line between Windsor Junction and Annapolis will be closed for traffic.

On Monday, 28th June, Trains will resume running as per present Time Table.

The public are respectfully requested to note these arrangements, and to make their shipments to and from Halifax as light as possible between the 17th and 28th June.

Every effort will be made to reduce the inconvenience within the smallest possible limits.

P. INNES,
General Manager.
Kentville, 10th June, 1875.
June 16.

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Oct. 28.