

For the Christian Messenger.
**YARMOUTH COUNTY BAPTIST
 SABBATH SCHOOL CONVEN-
 TION.**

Dear Brother Selden,—

Allow me through the columns of the *Christian Messenger* to give a brief report of the organization of a Baptist Sabbath School Convention in this county.

Pursuant to a request made, delegates from a majority of the schools to the number of 34 assembled in the vestry of the First Baptist Church, Yarmouth, on the 18th ult., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

After a number of addresses warmly approving of the object of the meeting, the Convention was organized by appointing the following officers: President, Bro. Jas. B. Kinney; Vice President, —; Secretary, D. A. Vaughan; Treasurer, C. W. Sanders, and an Executive Board.

In the evening a public meeting, in the interests of Sabbath Schools was held. Pleasing and appropriate addresses were given by several clergymen and others. The proceedings during the day and evening, were deeply interesting and very harmonious; the only matter of regret being, that all the Baptist Sabbath Schools in the county had not participated in the proceedings, but I sincerely hope that not one will be wanting at our next meeting.

Yours truly,

D. A. VAUGHAN,

Secretary.

Yarmouth, N. S., Nov. 4th, 1875.

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THE NEW ACADEMY BUILDING.

Dear Editor,—

Please allow me to acknowledge the following subscriptions to the above object:

A Friend plus \$40 given before, St. John	\$25.00
Wm. Blizard,	10.00
T. S. Sims,	5.00
James Dyer,	10.00
Z. G. Gabel,	10.00
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J. H. Moran,	25.00
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For the Committee,

D. M. WELTON.

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Brother,—

I notice in the *Christian Messenger* of Oct. 20th, a communication from "Silas T. Rand" purporting to be a reply to the enquiries of "A Friend of the Micmacs," of Oct. 6th. Instead however of answering the enquiries made, he makes an attack on the operations of other missionaries, who imitating Paul the apostle to the Gentiles ministered steadily to the people in such houses as he could command. He commences by giving a partial statement of my enquiries. The question was, where is the Micmac Mission? Where is there a meeting house for the poor Micmac to hear the gospel? Or a school room where he can be taught to read his books? Or mission premises of any kind where the people can be gathered for instruction? Where is there a Christian Micmac Village, or family, or individual? Or if the last of these is too much to ask, where is the place, and when the time, at which two or three, or even one of the Micmacs, old or young, is steadily taught, by the missionary, or by any one under his direction, the way of life and salvation? If even this is too much to ask after thirty years of agitation and toil, and study, and prayer, does the missionary contemplate the appointment of a time and place for steadily and persistently teaching the gospel to the Micmacs? Not one of these simple questions does Mr. Rand attempt to answer; but after giving the first three, demands a Scripture warrant for mission premises. He even lays down the canon for my answer. "Let there be no evasion." Now there is no difficulty in proving from Scripture the necessity of mission premises, since Paul ministered, in the proseuchæ; in the synagogue, in the school of Tyrannus and in his own hired house; and Christ Himself provided rooms for His disciples to meet and worship in. But I take Mr. Rand on his own rule. "Let there be no evasion." Will he answer even one of the foregoing questions. I do not complain that he has spent thirty years (it is perhaps nearer forty), without the desired results. But the Christian public which in that time has contributed probably between thirty and forty thousand dollars to his mission, have a right to demand a scriptural, Christian and common-sense reply to at least some of the foregoing enquiries.

Yours respectfully,

"A FRIEND OF THE MICMACS,"
 Nov. 11th 1875.

Home and Foreign News.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Navigation on the St. Lawrence is now closed and ice has commenced to form along the sides of the river. The Lachine canal is covered with ice, and snow has fallen giving the regular wintry appearance to the whole country around.

An important case affecting railway passengers was tried before Judge Johnson and a jury in the Superior Court on Thursday and Friday last. Mr. Livingstone sued the Grand Trunk Railway for \$25,000 damages for refusing to convey him from Kingston to Toronto, in March. On the 6th the plaintiff bought a ticket for Toronto, on which was printed, "Good only for a direct trip." He got off at Kingston, resumed his journey on the 10th. On arrival at Collin's Bay the conductor put him off the train, alleging that his ticket was of a past date. For this the action was brought, and the jury brought in a verdict for the Railway Company after one hour's consideration.

John Dixon, a carter, fell into the canal opposite the Montreal Warehouse and was drowned before assistance could be rendered.

Morgans, the dry goods men, who lost silks to the amount of \$13,000, and Street, the jeweller, who lost \$9,000 worth of jewellery, have been offered their goods back by the thieves' representatives in the States, for \$2,000 each. The Extradition Treaty does not reach the thieves. In Morgans' case the prosecution of the woman at St. Albans is foregone.

A large seizure of smuggled coal oil from the United States was made at Ottawa on Thursday last.

A telegram to the *Chronicle* on Saturday says during the coming session of the Ontario Legislature an Act will be introduced for the reconstruction of the Council of Public Instruction. Dr. Ryerson will retire on a pension of \$2,500 per annum. Hon. Adam Crooks will be appointed Minister of Education. Hon. S. C. Wood will be appointed Treasurer; and the vacant portfolio will be offered to Mr. Thomas Hodgins.

A State dinner given by Earl Dufferin on Thursday night was a brilliant affair. Earl Dufferin's speech was very good. Winnipeg suffers from grasshopper ravages are clamouring for immediate distribution of relief and provisions. Many are in great need.

Sleighting is good throughout the Province of Manitoba.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The prospect for the winter in St. John does not appear encouraging. The *Globe* says:—"The unemployed population of St. John is constantly increasing, and there is certainly every prospect that there will be heavy demands upon the charitable. Many men who have lately been at the North Shore are now returning to St. John, as the mills are shutting down for the winter. Laborers are also returning from the Parrsboro Railway, so that altogether there is quite a large increase in the number of unemployed men. Besides the city is swarming with 'tramps,' who are daily to be met with in all directions."

Rev. Mr. Carey lectured in St. John on Monday night on Westminster Abbey, Governor Tilley occupied the chair. Mr. Silas Alward, spoke highly of the prospects of the lectures to be delivered by gentlemen from Nova Scotia. Governor Tilley made a pleasant allusion to the Halifax Museum and library: "Halifax people say we are jealous of them. Well we are jealous of their museum and free library." He then suggested the erection of a free library as a memorial to the loyalists.

On Saturday last Mrs. Wm. McKay, whose husband is a carpenter, was found drowned in Courtenay Bay. She had some family trials and was given to fits of melancholy.

By a telegram to the *Chronicle* we learn that the Moncton Tanneries were totally destroyed by fire on Friday morning, at two o'clock. The buildings and machinery were partially insured. Loss very heavy.

The jury failed to agree on a verdict in the case of J. H. Cumberland charged with forgery, although they were out several hours. They were discharged about 9 o'clock.

There is some talk about building a bridge across Courtenay Bay, to connect the Eastern part of St. John with the Parish of Symonds by a short outlet.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Some unknown persons recently fastened a plank upon the rails of the N. B. Railway, near the Tubique bridge. Fortunately the train was going slow at the time, or a terrible accident might have been the result. As it was the locomotive was thrown from the track, and the train delayed ten hours.

The schooner "Sinope," laden with coal, before reported sunk in St. John harbor, in 70 feet of water, was raised by Capt. Alfred Larder's crew from Halifax.

A building on the South side of King's Square, St. John, by Mr. C. M. Bostwick, was damaged by fire on Friday night. Mr. H. R. Ranney's house, adjoining the Bostwick building, caught fire and the water thrown into it destroyed most of his furniture.

UNITED STATES.—The Spanish Government denies the right of the United States to interfere in any question touching the management of Cuban affairs.

A despatch on Saturday said the Spanish question is not finally settled. It is stated that the U. S. Government has not asked for any concession from Spain regarding the defence of Americans before court martial in Cuba.

There is great activity at all the United States navy yards, every sea-going vessel is being prepared for active duty.

The Texas troops pursued a band of Texas cattle thieves into Mexico on Wednesday, and a demand for their surrender being refused by the Mexican forces, a fight ensued, in which four of their number were killed.

Snow west of Cheyenne has blocked the railroads.

At Amherstburg, Ill., on Sunday, fourteen stores and the Prince Albert Hotel were burned; loss \$25,000.

A passenger train on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta road, while stopping at a station, was run into by an empty train. One person killed, 3 seriously injured, and a large number slightly.

By a collision near Dennison, Ohio, on Thursday three employees were killed and two others seriously wounded.

Three Greek sailors were lost overboard from the barque "Maria Martin," on Lake Erie during the gale on Monday week.

CUBA.—Five men who were sentenced to be shot at Havana last week, were pardoned by the Captain General.

ENGLAND.—The estimated damage done in London and vicinity by high tides on Monday week is fully \$5,000,000. Woolwich Arsenal grounds were partially submerged.

On account of the recent floods the English sanitary authorities have declared the district of Bristol, with a population of the 6,000 souls, unfit for habitation until midsummer. A thousand acres in the valley of the Brent will probably remain under water through the winter.

A telegram from India on Friday last said the Prince of Wales had arrived at Baroda and was magnificently received by the new Guicour.

His future movements are still undecided. It is probable that the "Serapis" will go to Calcutta. One of the objects of his visit to Ceylon will be elephant hunting.

Cabinet Councils were held almost daily during the past week.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" of Saturday last announces the coast between Yarmouth and Lowestoft strewn with wrecks. Three vessels ashore on Goodwin Sands.

Sloane Richards, of Birmingham, has failed. Liabilities half a million dollars.

FRANCE.—The Assembly took important action on the municipal law bill postponing that measure until after the general election. This movement is regarded as greatly inimical to the interests of the Republicans.

The French Press Bill is likely to be abandoned.

Von Arnim writes to the London "Times" indignantly denying the charge of Bismarck that he thwarted the latter's policy by means of private influence and communications to the Emperor and Empress.

Joseph Halpion & Co., extensive diamond merchants, of Paris, have failed. Their liabilities are estimated at \$300,000.

RUSSIA.—Recently there have been reiterated assurances by the Russian newspapers. There are, however, indications of early intervention in Turkish affairs, according to the arrangement of the powers that participated in the treaty of Paris.

GERMANY.—Over one hundred priests and nine canons in Rhineland have announced submission to the ecclesiastical laws.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" Berlin telegraph states that Prussia is preparing proceedings before the ecclesiastical court against the Archbishop of Cologne and the Bishop of Treves. The object is to depose them.

DENMARK.—Crown Prince William of Denmark was seriously injured on Thursday by his horse falling on him.

ITALY.—The Italian Chambers met on Monday the 15th.

The King of Italy has granted a subsidy of \$190,000 to the Italian Committee in connection with the Centennial at Philadelphia.

The terms made for the purchase by Italy of the Upper Italian system of railways are finally arranged. They will now be submitted to Parliament. The amount involved is about thirty two million pounds sterling.

SPAIN.—The Carlist war is apparently at its end.

The fact that Don Carlos sent a letter to the King created a large sensation at Madrid and is variously commented upon by the newspapers.

Intelligence from Carlist sources asserts that the letter of Don Carlos did not make any proposals for an arrangement, but offered to agree to a truce in the event that the Cuba difficulty cause a war between Spain and the United States. In that case Don Carlos, while reserving his rights to the throne of Spain, offered to unite his forces with those of King Alfonso to defend the integrity of Spanish territory.

Spain's reply to the recent note of the United States, relative to the treaty of 1795, is that she will defend her rights with energy but moderation.

The Carlist General Miret in negotiating with the authorities of Puryceda, with a view of submitting to King Alfonso. Spanish funds have risen in consequence of rumors favorable to peace.

SWEDEN.—On Thursday last on the railway between Stockholm and Malmö, sixteen cars were completely smashed. Sixty passengers were killed or severely injured.

TURKEY.—The Augsburg "Zeitung" quotes a petition of certain Greek Christians of Cappadocia, who ask for the ex-

pulsion of American missionaries by the Porte, because they make proselytes and incite to rebellion.

A serious engagement occurred on the 12th November, at Pira, in Bosnia, between the Turkish troops and a large body of the insurgents. The Sublime Porte is officially informed that sixteen battalions of troops under Chetket Pasha were engaged. It is reported the insurgents were completely routed, leaving six hundred killed on the field.

The Turkish army were surrounded recently by Herzegovinian troops, near Gatschko; in the engagement the Turks had from 800 to 1000 men killed, besides losing their baggage, ammunition, and several cannon.

The "Times" says the Sultan cannot save "Herzegovina"; it is fairly out of his grasp as if destiny had settled it, by conference between the powers. Peace can be brought about only by extinction of the Turkish authority in Austria. The powers might take, leisurely, a survey of the situation and provide for the necessities of the future.

The Sublime Porte has notified the Foreign Powers of contemplated reforms in Turkey, and announced that guarantees will be given for their faithful execution.

The "Morning Post" publishes a report that the Turkish Ambassador at St. Petersburg has been suddenly summoned to Constantinople.

BURMAH.—A telegram from Rangoon on Friday last, states that a conspiracy to seize the arsenal and burn Rangoon had been discovered. Many Burmese have been arrested on suspicion.

A later Calcutta telegram says the alarm at Rangoon originated with robbers, who attempted to seize the arsenal. The affair was not political.

INDIA.—The cable between Madras and Penang being still down, there is no news from Perak or the Malay peninsula.

Local News.

RICHMOND.—The freight room of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, was entered by some person on Wednesday night and a number of small parcels carried off.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.—We understand that an ex M. P. P. for Yarmouth County has been arrested at Yarmouth for forgery and perjury, and that a preliminary investigation was commenced at Yarmouth on Saturday last.—*Herald*.

WANTSPOUT.—Mr. J. B. North, M. P. P. launched from his shipyard here on Tuesday, a fine barque called the "Lizzie Curry." She is 503 tons register; 133 feet length of keel; 31 feet beam and 16 feet hold.

LIVERPOOL.—The "Advertiser" reports that Mr. Jos. Borgoyne was drowned while working at the breakwater at Brooklyn. He leaves a wife and helpless family.

DEATH OF AN OLD MAN.—A colored man named William Turner, one hundred and eighteen years old, died at Liverpool, last week.

BEWARE.—Forged \$20 notes of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland are in circulation in Cape Breton. They are on genuine paper, a lot numbered from 6000 to 8000 having been shipwrecked and picked up by dishonest persons.

BEDFORD FISH PRESERVES.—We understand that upwards of a hundred salmon—some of them about 30 lbs weight have been secured at Oxford, Cumberland County, for placing in the government hatching house at Bedford. It is supposed that these will give the spawn for producing some 800,000 or 900,000 fish.

DARTMOUTH.—A young man named Harrison, while engaged in painting the new wing of Christ's Church fell from the ladder on which he was working to the ground. His left leg was broken above the knee, and both legs badly bruised.

A young man named Joseph Hawes was lodged in jail on Saturday charged with having shot two sheep belonging to Mr. Leonard Conrad, at Pope's Harbour, on the 17th of August last; and also with having tried to steal them afterwards.

SYDNEY, C. B.—A slide of an earth-bank, formed of the debris dug from the new pit, occurred at Sydney Mines on Saturday last. Some half dozen men were at work on the bank at the time, who went down with the slide nearly all of whom were more or less bruised, but happily no one was fatally injured.

The C. B. Times says: we regret to learn that Sydney is about to lose the services of the Rev. Geo. Armstrong, A. M., Pastor of the Pitt Street Baptist church, he having decided to remove to New Brunswick.

Despite the dullness of trade, the General Mining Association at Sydney Mines have shipped over 13,000 tons more coal up to this time than they had shipped last year at the close of the season. They closed 1874 with 72,500 tons.

On Friday night a sailor lad of about 18 years of age, belonging to Liverpool, G. B., went to the Police Station for protection. He stated that he could not get a ship or employment at St. John, N. B., and walked from that city to Halifax, a distance of about 300 miles.

THE RAILWAY TO YARMOUTH.—The new contractors Messrs. Shanley & Plunkett, of Montreal, have taken possession of the road and will prosecute the work vigorously. They advertise for 130,000 railway ties. Mr. Plunkett will take up his residence at Digby and personally superintend the work.

EATONVILLE.—On Tuesday last a sad and fatal accident occurred in Messrs D. R. & C. F. Eaton's Mills. Joseph Atkinson, son of Mr. Michael Atkinson, was struck in the abdomen by a piece of wood thrown from one of the saws. Twenty-six and a half hours from time of accident he was dead. This sad calamity has cast a gloom over that little community.

Some of the residents of the south end of Halifax found their hens very mysteriously killed one day last week; however, on Friday afternoon, a racoon was discovered up a tree in Harvey street, and was shot by a son of Mr. James Scott.

A boy named Dougherty got into the night train at St. John on Thursday night without the knowledge of the conductor, and was brought to Halifax. He was sent back.

ANNAPOLIS.—Two barns belonging to Mr. Perkins, valued at \$1000, and one belong to Mr. Wilson, valued at \$300, were burned down on Wednesday last.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Nov. 11th, 1875.—*Inverness Co.*—To be Supervisors of Roads and Bridges.—For the Districts of Whyocombah, River Denis, and East and West Lake Ainsley.—James McKenzie, Esq. For the Districts of Port Hood, Mabou, Judique and Glencoe.—Angus McDonald, Esq., of West Bridge, Margaree. For the Districts of Broad Cove Marsh, Broad Cove Intervale and Young's Bridge.—Alex. McLeod, Esq., of Broad Cove Marsh.

HUBBERT'S COVE, MARGARET'S BAY.—We understand that the New Baptist Meeting-house in this place was opened on Tuesday the 9th inst. We shall be glad to learn from the pastor of the church some of the particulars respecting the opening services, and the prospects of the cause in this thriving settlement.

WINDSOR.—A little son of Mr. C. B. Shaw, about three years old while playing in his father's store on Monday evening by some means swallowed a small wood screw which caused his death in about fifteen minutes.

We are in receipt of the New and Popular Song entitled "SILVER GRAY," published by S. TURNER, Brockville, Ont. Price 30 cts. Sample copy sent to any address on receipt of 10 cts. by the publisher.

Mr. Thos. L. Best, Port William, N. S., was cured in three days of an attack of *Inflammatory Rheumatism*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN EGYPT.—The Heir-Apparent left Cairo after having dined with the Khedive at the Pyramids and seen the Great Pyramid illuminated—a more striking spectacle, perhaps, than even the fireworks of Athens. The first public act which the Prince has done since he left England is peculiarly interesting, and it possesses some political importance. Amid circumstances of Oriental pomp he has invested Prince Tewfik, the eldest son and Heir-Apparent of the Khedive, with the Order of the Star of India; and this distinction will no doubt seem far more momentous to the people of the East than it would have appeared to us if it had been conferred amid the bustle of London. The main thought in the Prince's speech was no empty compliment, for he took care to signify the thanks of the Queen for the friendly offices and good will which the Khedive has always shown towards England by helping the passage of our troops to and from India. In accordance with Mohammedan usage, which gives the crown to the eldest male of the reigning family, the next Khedive would have been Mustapha Fazyil Pasha, the brother of the present sovereign, if the Sultan had not consented to let the throne pass, in Western fashion, to the Khedive's eldest son. It is possible that Mustapha may have followers, although he has committed his claims, but there seems to be no doubt that the change in order of succession will be effected peacefully. The Khedive will none the less value the stamp which the Queen has put on the claims of his son by conferring the Order of the Star of India. Whether the Sultan will be equally pleased is another question, for the relations between him and the Khedive threaten to become even more strained than they are now.

A fruitful source of embarrassment may be found in the pledge given by the Khedive that, in order to give security for the payment of the Turkish bondholders he would annually send to the Bank of England part of the tribute of £700,000 which he owes to the Porte. He may be ordered to send the whole of it to Constantinople in future, but whether he will obey remains to be seen.—*Freeman*.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.—Captain Malet, in speaking at Stoke of Church work in the army, told a story which has escaped publication. A recruit, on being asked by his commanding officer what religion he professed, in order that he might go to his proper place of worship, said, "Please, sir, I have not made up my mind!" He probably thought he would get off the church parade, but the officer was equal to the occasion. Turning to the sergeant of his company, he said, "Sergeant! here is a man who has not made up his mind as to what religion he is. We will give him every opportunity. Let him be marched to the Romanist service at 7.45; to the Church of England parade at 9.15; and to the Presbyterian service at 11 until further orders." The man soon made up his mind that he was a devout Churchman, probably (said Captain Malet) because the service was the shortest one.