We are not surprised that many of our friends are anxious to know the facts respecting the Education office investigation. Matters of government belong to the people and they ought to be informed, especially when in connection with such matters as our educational affairs. We have learned nothing further beyond rumors. These concern three ministers of as many different denominations. But what are the facts, pro and con?

The *Witness* speaks of "very grave crimes" laid to the Superintendents' charge. We would ask if it is quite fair or right to use such terms before specifying what those charges are. Were there not very grave crimes charged against others also? We quite agree with the *Witness* when it says, "It is a shameful, an intolerable thing to leave such a case in suspense."

The great Roman Catholic demonstration last week in the reception of the Papal Legate and on Sunday in the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Hannan, Archbishop of Halifax were most imposing, and witnessed by thousands.—The full service was printed in English in a small pamphlet of 36 pages. The service was of course rendered wholly in Latin. The sermon, in English, was by a son of Sir Edward Kenny, a Professor of the Order of Jesuits, residing in New York.

At a recent Soiree at Mr. Spurgeon's orphanage, a large number of the students from the Pastors' College were present:

"Mr. Kirkham, of the Open Air Mission, in an address, gave some excellent advice to the young pastors, in reference to open air preaching, For instance, they should not face the wind when speaking; they should elevate themselves above their audience; they should not be too free with anything like set forms of service, even as to prayer, but should be guided by the Holy Spirit, and keep the people with a purpose so as to interest them; they should have plenty of singing, for the power of song was marvellous; they should not be afraid of using the Scriptures, but need not tie themselves down to reading from the Bible, rather keeping their eyes upon their audience, and giving them the pith of the Word. They should not let any tracts be distributed during the preaching, but regard the crowd as sacred to God while standing to listen to His truth, permitting no interruption whatever. Those who would stand quite still, quietly lifting up their hearts to God for a blessing, were the best helpers to open air preaching. The gospel must be taken to the masses, and he prayed to God to multiply those who would go out and compel them to come in, that God's house might be full.

A company of Handbell Ringers were present at the Soiree and accompanied the audience in singing a hymn, Mr. Smith joining in with his silver trumpet.

Mr. Barnard, a former student, added his experience of much encouragement in regard to his entrance into the Pastor's College, narrating the circumstances connected therewith, especially that he was at the time of application afflicted with total blindness, which continued during a good deal of his college life—in fact, it was only by a miraculous intervention of Providence that his sight had been restored.

Mr. Spurgeon said: They always had been and still would be out-and-out and thoroughgoing Baptists, but hoped that they would never fall into that denominationalism which takes the place of love to Christ, because they loved their Lord and Master, they would desire to follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth.

LECTURES ON BAPTIST HISTORY by William R. Williams, Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society, pp. 360, price $1.75.

This is one of the latest and best of the Society's publications and got up in a style of elegance both in its letterpress and binding we rarely see approached, and have never seen excelled. The Lectures are twelve in number bearing the following titles:

1. John the Baptist, the Lord's Harbinger.
2. The Kingdom of God as set up by Christ.
3. Baptism and Regeneration.
4. The churches as left by Christ and as made by man.
5. Our churches under the ban of Antichrist.
6. The Anabaptists of the Continent and England.
7. Rationalism in relation to our churches.
8. The Baptists and Religious Liberty.
9. The Baptists of the Commonwealth and the Protectorate.
10. John Bunyan.
11. Baptists and Missions.
12. Baptists and the future.

The book has no preface or introduction, but our readers will know they were delivered before the students at Newton. A letter appeared in our pages during the delivery of these Lectures, and spoke highly and at some length of their character. It is sufficient to know that Dr. Williams is the author of the book to command for it a wide circulation among intelligent Baptists, and we bespeak for it a hearty welcome amongst a number of our readers. A copious index of the subjects to which reference is made in them, adds much to the value of these Lectures. We shall probably again refer to them at some not distant day.

TITLE EXAMINED, OR, AM I TRULY CONVERTED? a small book of 38 pages by Rev. A. B. Earle, D. D., price 30 cents, published by James H. Earle, Boston. The aim is sufficiently told by its title. It is very brief and to the point and well calculated to assist enquirers.

## EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

The *British Quarterly* for April has an article on *University Systems—English and Scotch*, which brings to view many useful facts. A wide contrast exists between the universities of England and those of Scotland in their relation to secondary education. The tone of the English Universities is taken from the public schools, such as Eton and Winchester. As the undergraduates come in large numbers from these public schools, the University, is always assured of a supply of fairly educated young men. Thus a degree of uniformity in the attainments of the matriculants can be secured. The case of the Scotch Universities, in this respect, is very different. Formerly the parochial schools of Scotland prepared young men for the Universities; but in later times they are occupied quite exclusively with more elementary work. The master in these schools filled a place, in which he seems to have left no successor. He was "passing rich with forty pounds a year." He was secure of his place. As Session Clerk, Inspector of the poor, and Ruling Elder in the church, he was a personage of scarcely less importance than the minister. His chief ambition was to train some of the brightest of his pupils for the University. "From him were gained those habits of study, and that love of learning for learning's sake, which made a spirit of quaint and unworldly enthusiasm not unknown in the Scotch Universities." "But of later years the hard principles of payment by results has been enforced, and the iron has enterred into the soul of the old parish dominie. He has been improved off the face of the land." In his place is the servant of the state system, under the control of the School Board. In elementary education he has wrought a great revolution; but what is called secondary education receives scant attention from him. This change has stopped the source of the best materials for the Universities, and they now are obliged to take such students as come to them and do the best they can. "The Greek Professor at Glasgow has to initiate his junior class into the Greek alphabet." As a consequence of this condition of things, the Greek Grammar, a small amount of Greek Composition, the reading of the Anabasis, a book of Thucydides and a Greek play, is the measure of achievement in Greek literature for the bulk even of the better students.

"Hitherto there has been no entrance examination at Scotch Universities. Their doors have been open to all comers, with no preliminary test of their fitness." The few secondary schools which are to be found, complain of this practice as injurious to all parties. The charge and the defence on each side, are thus set forth in the article to which we have referred: "Give us, said the Universities, the hope of better material, and we will accept it to the exclusion of all other. Forbear to encroach on our sphere by teaching the elements of Greek and Mathematics, said the secondary schools, and you will cease to draw off our best pupils to such a degree as to starve our schools. The secondary schools are worthless, and so we must admit all and sundry, said the Universities. All and sundry can get into the Universities, said the secondary schools, and so there is no encouragement to secondary education to improve. Between the two the difficulty has remained unsettled, but the effect of recent legislation has forced the necessity of a remedy upon the attention of all concerned."

There is a great difference between the English system and the Scotch, in the life of the student. In the Scotch University there appears to be no attempt at moral discipline or tutorial guidance. The student joins his class, meets the appointments of the hours for lectures, and beyond that he is his own master, living where and as he pleases. He pays his fee for six months and at the end of that time his connection with the University ceases, until it is renewed the following year. That this freedom does not oftener degenerate into license, must result from the fixedness of moral purpose which characterizes the Scotch. But the absence of a system of regular advancement and of oversight of studies goes far to explain the fact that so small a proportion of the students in a Scotch University attain to a degree. The English student's life is widely different. His lodging, mode of life and society are found within his College. He must pass a qualifying examination. He must acquiesce in an unwritten but authoritative social code. He is assigned to a tutor who is responsible for his advancement in study. He must pursue prescribed studies. His daily life is in the midst of scenes associated with the men and events of a long, honorable and inspiriting history. Which system is the better in all respects, it may not be easy to decide. We ought not to expect from either the fruit natural to the other. The system of the northern Universities may produce more self-reliance and energy in the students who are successful in overcoming the difficulties that it creates and in appropriating the advantages that it brings. The English system will cause more uniformity of character, both intellectual and social; it will produce a succession of scholars more intimately bound to one another by various ties; and it will give a broader and finer culture.

## Notices.

N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

*Dear Sir*,—We wish to be notified as early as may be convenient, with respect to delegates attending the Central Association, so as to have opportunity to locate them.

N. B.—Persons driving their own teams will please give notice to that effect to

D. W. MORTON,
*Church Clerk.*

*Aylesford, May 15*, 1877.

GOING TO THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Persons wishing to go to Liverpool at the time of the Western Association, June 16th, will be provided with conveyance from Annapolis to Liverpool for $3, and back for the same.

Please give notice a few days beforehand by Post Card to David McLelland of Greywood, who will arrange to leave Annapolis, either Thursday or Friday on arrival of Halifax train according to the wish of delegates, as expressed in notice given.

BRIDGEWATER.—We are given to understand that Brother Roberts has resigned his pastoral connection with the Baptist Church at Bridgewater, and would be pleased to communicate with any church with a view to the pastorate.

This change becomes necessary from a pecuniary pressure in the church under the present depression.

Mr. Roberts has laboured at Bridgewater for two years, with much acceptance and esteem on the part of all denominations and the public at large in that place.—*Com.*

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Anniversary Exercises of Acadia College will occur on Thursday, June 7, at 11, A. M.

Return Tickets, at reduced rates, good for one week, can be obtained at any station on the W. and A. Railway.

A. W. SAWYER.

*May 17th*, 1877.

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The parcels received for the Missionaries' Box will be acknowledged next week.

M. R. SELDEN, *Sec'y.*

*Halifax, May 22nd*, 1877.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The annual business meeting of this Association will be held on Wednesday, June 6th, at 8 o'clock in the Vestry of the Baptist Church at Wolfville, when among other important matters the Association will nominate two persons for appointment by the Convention as Governors of Acadia College. The Alumni dinner will take place immediately after the public Anniversary exercises on Thursday, June 7th.

B. H. EATON,
*Sec'y A. A. A. C.*

*Halifax, May 7th*, 1877.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1877.

*N. S. Western Association* at Liverpool, commences on Saturday, June 16th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*N. S. Central Association* at Upper Aylesford, commences on Saturday, June 23rd, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*N. S. Eastern Association* at Portaupique, commences on Saturday, July 14th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*Prince Edward Island Association* at Cavendish, commences on Saturday, July 21st, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union* at Portaupique, on Friday, July 13th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*New Brunswick Western Association* at Blissfield, commences on Tuesday, June 26th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

*New Brunswick Eastern Association* at Moncton, commences on Tuesday, July 10th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

*New Brunswick Home Missionary Society* Annual Meeting will be held with the New Brunswick Eastern Association at Moncton.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island to commence at Wolfville, on Saturday, the 25th of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Delegates and friends expecting to attend the W. B. Association, which convenes with the Liverpool Baptist Church on the 16th of June, will please forward their names and address to the undersigned as soon as possible, in order that arrangements may be completed for their entertainment, of which they will be duly notified.

GEORGE S. PARKER,
*Church Clerk.*

*Liverpool, May 9th*, 1877.

ERRATUM.—In *Christian Messenger*, April 25, for "Great Village, $7.50," read $8.00.

### Letters Received.

Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., $8. J. H. Haley, $2. M. Kinsman, Esq., $2. A. Fisk, $2.30. M. E. Marshall, $10. Mrs. R. Upham, $5. E. H. Duval, Esq., $4. A. P. Shand, Esq., 1 sub. Bath Reid, $4. G. F. Allen, $7.25. Jas. P. Foster, Esq., $2. Rev. John Shaw. $2. Rev. T. A. Higgins, $2. W. Dondale, $1. W. J. Gates, $6.50. Rev. D. McKeen, $4. Rev. W. B. Boggs, $2.25.


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