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News from the Churches.

Rev. A. MacArthur, pastor of Granville Street Church, was prostrated by a severe attack of dysentery on Tuesday of last week. He had been boarding at an hotel, but was removed to the residence of A. L. Wood, Esq., on Church Street, in order that he might have greater quietness and more careful attention. His illness had become so severe and alarming that it was deemed expedient to telegraph on Sunday evening for Hon. Dr. Parker, who was in St. John attending the Convention. Dr. Parker arrived last evening, and we are pleased to be able to state that the disease appears to be yielding to his vigorous treatment, and it is hoped that the patient and gentleman may soon be restored to his usual health.

The pulpit in Granville Street Church was filled on Sunday very acceptably by Rev. Dr. Pollock in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Burns in the evening.

Dear Brother,

Having accepted the call to the Hopewell Church, I would say, we are comfortably settled in our new home and field.

The situation of the place is one of rare beauty, owing to the broad extent of waters which wash its banks, together with the bold rugged mountains in the rear, whose peaks and forests break the monotony of the scene.

Its wealth consists largely in lands the marshes of which can be numbered by the thousands of acres. The neat church edifices, comfortable school houses, and the snug tasty homes are prominent as one drives through this place, where every prospect pleases. I find the church fairly alive to her work; many coming with willing, earnest testimony into the courts of the Lord's house; there also to unite in singing the high praises of our God.

Already many tokens of kindness have been shown us since coming among them. With this people Bro. G. R. White who is pursuing his studies at Wolfville, has been labouring for seven or eight weeks, with much acceptance. They have many kind words for him, and generously gave him one hundred dollars for his labour. Bro. H. Foshey the worthy pastor at Sussex, who is enjoying a vacation of several weeks, spent a few days with us, preaching once last Lord's day with power, upon the "Christian Confession."

Our prayer is, "Return we beseech thee, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; cause thy face to shine and we shall be saved."

C. C. BURGESS.
Hopewell, Lower Cape, Albert Co.,
N. B., Aug. 17th, 1882.

P. S.—Correspondents will please note the change in my address.

C. C. B.

MILLVILLE.—Rev. R. S. Morton writes, August, 1882.—Mr. Editor:

"I wish by your permission to express through the Christian Messenger our unfeigned gratitude to the firm of A. J. Walker, & Co., at Kentville, Kings Co., N. S., for the very generous donation of \$12.50, in a tomb stone for our daughter's grave."

Mr. Moody at one of his meetings in Glasgow, gave an extraordinary and original object lesson. He produced five or six reels of white thread, and handing down one end to the children in front of him, began to pay out the thread, until being passed along from hand to hand, it reached right down the audience from the platform to the opposite door. Then more thread was passed along the galleries, and in a few minutes the long white lines were stretching all over the hall. The excitement to know what all this meant now became intense, and Mr. Moody had the fixed attention of all the children when he asked them, "Can any boy or girl break that thread?" A

thousand voices replied, "Yes!" Mr. Moody said, "Seize hold of it and try to break it all to bits!" And the children quickly tore the threads into thousands of pieces. "Now," said Mr. Moody, "although that thread is a very little thing, which a little child can break, I could bind the strongest man with it. I could bind it around him until he was a helpless prisoner, and he could never break it and escape." Then he showed how this is like the little sins, which, though they seem very feeble, wind themselves around the soul, and finally destroy it. While he was speaking, the six thousand boys and girls present will ever forget the singular "thread" of the discourse.

Of course the Lord's Supper is a church ordinance, and it is understood that members of sister churches are invited to sit at the table because such an invitation accords with the wishes of the church; and we see nothing but a commendable Christian courtesy in the custom of inviting visiting members of other Baptist churches to a seat.

New Guinea is said by Dr. Laws to be the largest island in the world, not long as from London to Constantinople, and in some parts 500 miles wide. Up till lately the inhabitants were cannibals and idolaters; and frequent wars were waged, tribe against tribe. Under the influence of the London Missionary Society's agents, these wars have been discontinued, and churches have been formed.

A contemporary asks, could not an arrangement be made by which some of the agents of our great missionary societies might be sent to Birmingham? There is in that town—the town where John Angell James and George Dawson laboured, and where R. W. Dale still ministers—manufacturers who do a large trade in "gods." The circular of one of these runs as follows:—"We beg to offer to our Hindoo clients images of Yamen, the god of the dead, in bronze, very finely carved; also a large selection of images of Narundi, the prince of demons. He is carried by a giant of elegant structure, his sabre is of the latest fashion. The god of the Sun is offered for sale, having a silver tail and mounted upon a crocodile of copper. Boubereen, the god of riches, is a finely finished work of art. A great assortment of inferior gods and semi-gods. While the firm does not give credit, discount is allowed from the account for cash." The men engaged in this, iniquitous traffic, are themselves idolaters. The god whom they worship is Mammon.—*London Freeman.*

Our readers may remember that a Methodist in North Carolina, who sang so loudly and discordantly as to annoy other worshippers, was indicted under the common law as a nuisance. He has been tried and has won his case. The presiding Judge said: "The disturbance of a congregation by a singer, when the singer does not intend so to disturb it, but is conscientiously taking part in the religious services, may be a subject for the discipline of his Church, but is not indictable."

At a convention of members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Manitoba, held on the 26th, it was decided to memorialize the General Conference for an annual Conference for Manitoba.

A new religious movement has commenced in New York. A mission has been opened for the French Canadians by the Baptists. The Rev. P. A. Seguin, an ex-Catholic priest, will have charge.

At Tokushima, Japan, Rev. H. H. Rhee recently baptized two men, one of whom, a young man, had been with a noisy crowd which gave much trouble during last summer and fall. The other was an older man, and uneducated. But that he had a clear appreciation of the great truths of Christianity was satisfactorily shown by his answer to a question asked at his examination. "Suppose," Mr. Rhee asked him, "the missionary and church should think you had better wait a little longer, and be more instructed before receiving baptism; and in the meantime you should die; do you think you would lose your soul?" "No," he replied, "for the water does not reach to cleanse the soul from sin, and if I truly believe in Jesus, though the missionary refuses me baptism in water, the Lord Jesus has given me baptism in his blood by the Holy Spirit, and that baptism reaches to the soul, so I am safe." Could a clearer answer have been given?

News of the World.

WAR NEWS.—The announcement that the Sultan had pronounced Arabi a rebel, was premature. Arrangements for concerted action between England and Turkey in Egypt still hang fire. Parley and promise, delay and do nothing appears, as usual, to be the Turkish policy.

General Sir Garnet Wolseley has arrived in Egypt. The world believes in this great commander who is every inch a soldier, and feels assured that the immediate future is fraught with important events. England is now fully prepared and resolved to settle this matter without aid from any quarters.

Admiral Seymour and Sir Garnet were both at Port Said on 19th inst., which place has been occupied by the English forces and the government of the Khedive has been reinstated. The British and rebel troops were driven from Nefeh. Gunboats have entered the Suez Canal and traffic has been stopped. The military authorities have taken charge of the telegraph lines from Port Said to Suez. A skirmish of some importance took place in front of Alexandria on the 19th instant. The enemy's loss is said to have been considerable. Lack of discipline and confusion characterized their movements.

The Khedive has appointed Cherif Pasha President of his new ministry. Hassan Pasha Cleric, Minister of War, has been arrested for traitorous communications with the rebels.

The House of Lords and the Commons both adjourned till 24th October. Mr. Darwin's personal property is valued at nearly \$750,000—much more than his friends supposed he was "worth."

The Archbishop of Canterbury has headed with a liberal amount the subscription list for the purchase of an extensive block of buildings in London for the use of the Salvation Army.

The doctrine in the value of land continues in England. A Yorkshire farm for which \$80,000 was asked a few years ago has been sold for \$35,000.

Admiral Seymour has been, from his youth up, such a tremendous dandy that he has been known in the clubs of London by the sobriquet, "The Swell of the Ocean." And Col. Beresford, who won laurels at the bombardment of Alexandria, has been noted for sowing his "wild oats."

English army officers hold that it is absolutely necessary to re-establish flogging for crimes when in active service. Imprisonment is impossible and death becomes the only alternative.

An amusing cartoon has been issued in London, in which Mr. Gladstone is represented in the act of disguising himself as Lord Beaconsfield, in order to terrify Arabi Pasha and the European Powers. He has already played a primrose in his buttonhole and a curl on his forehead, and is just on the point of pasting a goatee on his chin. Under his arm he carries a rifle cannon, while in the background are shown a Reserve soldier and a Sepoy.

A recent advertisement in a Paris paper runs: "Princes, dukes, counts, viscounts and others who wish to marry rich American young ladies, write in the first instance in all confidence," and so on.

There is a rumor that Bismarck will avail himself of the present perplexities in Europe to propose to the king of the Netherlands that the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg join the German confederation.

Teachers in the public schools of France are very seldom paid more than \$5 a week, and as the expenses for salaries are now a little over \$5,000,000, the minister of public instruction refuses to add to this amount and so increase taxation.

The Times St. Petersburg despatch says it is believed at Esrum that Russia is about to occupy the whole of Asia Minor to the Bosphorus. Owing to the undefined state of that part of Turkey, Russians could easily do this without much bloodshed. The Daily Telegraph Paris despatch says it is no secret that Russia is concentrating a formidable army in the Caucasus, estimated at 78,000 men.

Owens College, at Manchester, is now preparing a scheme of instruction for women students.

Russia.—By the accidental explosion of a barrel of gunpowder in a tradesman's shop near a school-house in Grodno, almost all the children in the school-house, who were Jews, were killed.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.—These countries have the same King, Oscar II., but different legislative bodies and laws. The Norwegian Parliament recently passed a law requiring the presence of the ministry at its sittings, which the King has vetoed three times. Prof. Boyesen prophesies a republic for Norway before long.

EGYPT.—Rebel official returns state that their forces number 36,000 regular, 35,000 militia and 5000 Bedouins. They claim to have 2,500 men at Kadre El Devon. These numbers of course are greatly exaggerated, but show the tone of confidence adopted by the native party.

A deserter from Arabi on Thursday gives a graphic description of the misery prevailing in the latter's camp, where the wounded are crawling about, their sufferings unheeded. Some of these are said to have been shot by their comrades to free them from agony. Many Egyptians have been compelled against their will to fight.

Arabi is said to be negotiating for his escape in case of need, to the residence of a fanatical Mahomedan dignitary, on the borders of Tripoli.

UNITED STATES.—Congress adjourned Aug. 8.

A fire in Gardiner, Maine, Aug. 7th, destroyed 47 houses and a dozen mills were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

The steamer Gold Dust, with 106 passengers on board, was burned Aug. 7th, on the Mississippi River, near Hickman, Kentucky; 17 persons were killed and 47 seriously injured.

Mrs. Garfield has appointed one of the trustees of Hiram College in Ohio, the institution where her husband was student and President, and in which he always manifested great interest.

Mrs. Shaw of Boston supports 33 kindergartens in that city and vicinity, at an annual expense of \$25,000. These schools are for the benefit of those who would otherwise be without all such privileges. Mrs. Shaw is the daughter of the late Prof. Agassiz.

It was a witty stroke in the Boston Traveller when it was said that "there are manifestations of anxiety as to the ability of the Iowa churches to procure wine for communion purposes," to add, "the anxious ones are people who never go to church."

Five masked men rushed into a dwelling-house at West Charlton, New York, on Wednesday night and handcuffed, bound and gagged the inmates consisting of two brothers named Gillchrist and a sister. Then they forced open a safe and rifled its contents of \$800 in money and about \$150,000 in bonds and mortgages.

A new use for glass has recently been developed in its substitution for marble tops of tables and dressing cases. A Pittsburgh firm has turned out slabs of glass that are said to be a perfect imitation of the latter material, while they admit of decorations of various designs, both in form and color.

For the first time in the history of pork-packing, the mammoth Chicago Stock Yards and packing provision companies, are shut down through scarcity of hogs. Over 2,500 men are out of employment. The cause is attributed to the high price of corn the past few months, farmers selling grain instead of feeding it to their stock.

Col. Alfred Shorter, of Rome, Ga., whose death has just been announced, gave to the Baptists the Ladies College in that city founded by him, and had spent \$100,000 upon it before his death.

The Supreme Court of California has granted new trial in the case of a man convicted of murder in the second degree, on the ground that the jury drank so much beer, &c., during the trial as to unfitt them for proper and serious deliberation on the evidence. The trial lasted eight days, and it was shown that during that time four five-gallon kegs of beer, five gallons of wine, ten bottles of claret, and considerable whiskey were purchased by their jury at their own expense, and consumed without knowledge of the court. In many States even the smallest amount of liquor supplied to a jury, would invalidate their verdict. How much would it required with us to effect a similar result?

The latest news from Peru is discouraging as to the welfare of that unfortunate people. A Chilean garrison, twenty-four strong, had been massacred by the Peruvians. Riot, misrule and anarchy are fairly enthroned. What the result will be no one can tell.

Home Affairs.

Nova Scotia.

POLITICAL.—Attorney General White will be opposed in Cape Breton County at the elections to be held on 29th inst. by Mr. Colin Chisholm, barrister of Sydney. So far as is at present known there will be no opposition to Hon. Messrs. Church and Gayton in Lunenburg and Yarmouth. The contest between Mr. C. B. Whidden, and Mr. C. C. Gregory in Antigonish promises to be a sharp one.

THE GAMMELL WILL TRIAL.—The trial of McLellan, Johnston and Gordon, charged with forging the signature to the second Gammell will, terminated at Sydney on Saturday evening. A verdict of "not guilty" was given by the jury.

The Methodist Camp meeting was in session at Berwick last week.

The Nova Scotia Militia Camp is to take place at Aylesford, beginning September 11th.

THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF HALIFAX.—We learn from what we consider reliable authority, that there is every probability of His Lordship Bishop Cameron being appointed to succeed the late Archbishop Hannan, as Archbishop of Halifax.—*North Sydney Herald.*

DIET FROM POISONING.—A few days ago the mysterious poisoning of a little son of Mr. Charles Bagness, by eating a piece of cake given him at a picnic was noticed by the city press. The little fellow suffered intensely night and day, and for a long time had been unable to eat anything, and it was seen that he could not recover. He died on Friday last, an inquest was held on Saturday by Dr. T. R. Almon, coroner. It is hoped this will be followed up by a diligent search for the man who gave the poor boy the cake which occasioned his death. The case is one of the most mysterious and, if intentional, one of the most dastardly instances of poisoning which ever came under notice.

The public schools in this city reopened last Monday, and the High School will do so on Friday, Sept. 1st.

The crops in Cape Breton this season are reported to be very good.

The codfishery on the North Shore was very successful last week.

The lobster fishery in Cape Breton has been very good this season, especially at Ingonish.

Judge James was sworn in as Judge in Equity, before Sir Wm. Young on the 18th inst.

A new paper, in the interests of the Liberal party, will shortly be issued at Pictou. It is to be called the Pictou News.

Frederick Merill, attending the Grafton Street Methodist Sunday School picnic, had a narrow escape from death by drowning on Wednesday last. He left Hasterman's ground, where the annual picnic was being held, to bathe, and was seized with cramps, and would have been lost but for the aid of James McDonald, a son of Chief Justice, McDonald. Some time passed before he was restored to consciousness.

New Brunswick.

Moncton had five liquor cases before the court on one day, all of whom were fined \$50 each.

Prof. Foster, M. P. for Kings county, New Brunswick, has articulated himself as a law student with Mr. Fairweather of St. John. Prof. Foster has hitherto devoted his life to education and temperance.

Dr. Rand and Mrs. Rand will go over to Digby this morning, where the latter will remain some time for the benefit of her health, which her many friends fondly hope will be improved by the visit.—*Religious Intelligencer, St. John, Aug. 18th.*

A young woman named Phillis Floyd was struck by a train near Bloomfield station, on the I. C. R. on Thursday last, and received injury, from which it is hardly hoped she will recover.

The result of the scrutiny in the Scott Act election in St. John is to confirm the previous decision. It was a tie vote, and the election was declared void. The scrutiny has resulted in showing a majority of two against the adoption of the Act. Judge Waters, before whom the scrutiny was held, rendered his judgment on Saturday and ordered the costs to be paid by the temperance people.

Dominion of Canada.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science will visit Ottawa on the 26th inst.

Lord Lorne and the Princess Louise will make a short stay at Toronto on their way to British Columbia.

A telegram on Monday Hon. Mr. Mousmeau was elected by acclamation to-day in Jacques Cartier.

Messrs. Chapleau and Nantel have been elected by acclamation in Terrebonne, the factions opposition to both having been withdrawn at the last moment.

The new capital of the North-West will be called Leopold in honor of the Prince of that name. It is situated 372 miles west of Winnipeg, and the C. P. Railway track will be laid that far within a few days.

A great sensation has been caused in Montreal by the reports in reference to Mr. J. T. Hunter, notary. He was appointed six years ago to manage the estate of the late Charles Phillips, and from developments it would appear that he has been doing so to his own advantage. He rendered no accounts and when an examination was made it was discovered that the deficiency was over \$100,000.

Miscellaneous.

Do you want to know whether you love the world? Ask yourselves are you anxious for a fortune and social position? Do you spend much time and thought in devising how to make money, how to get on in society? Do you think slightly of those below you, while making great efforts to stand well with those above you? Do you measure men not only by their character but by their title and income, and do you convey this utterly false and degraded estimate of life to those who come in contact with you? In this case you are in league with the world.—*Cannon Liddon.*

We are told that we must become as children to enter into the Kingdom of heaven; methinks we should also become as children to know what daylight there is in our heritage of the earth.—*Bulwer Lytton.*

The new French version of the Bible by Prof. Segond, has attained a great success, and a copy of the New Testament at three-half pence has been published, of which 100,000 were sold of the first edition. Of the second, 50,000 copies were sold in three weeks.

Mrs. Barshart, cor. Pratt and Broadway, has been a sufferer for twelve years, through rheumatism, and has tried every remedy she could hear of, but received no benefit, until she tried Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil; she says she cannot express the satisfaction she feels at having her pain entirely removed and her rheumatism cured.

Mr. W. R. Lazier, Bailiff &c. Belleville writes: "I find Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil the best medicine I have ever used in my stable. I have used it for bruises, scratches, wind puffs and cuts, and in every case it gave the best satisfaction. We use it as a household remedy for colds, burns, &c., and it is a perfect panacea. It will remove warts by paring them down and applying it occasionally."

It is a dangerous thing to allow the diarrhoea or dysentery to go unchecked and there is no need of it. A small bottle of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment will cure the most stubborn case that can be produced.

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Jan. 19, 8m. *See religious tracts*

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