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News from the Churches.

DARTMOUTH.—A large concourse of people—numbering probably a thousand—assembled near the Marine Railway at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning last, to witness the administration of the ordinance of Christian Baptism. The fact that persistent efforts had been made to prevent some of the persons desirous of being baptized from following out their convictions of duty and privilege, had produced some excitement and had awakened a widespread interest in the service among their friends. Seven persons were baptized by the Rev. E. J. Grant. The Baptist Church was crowded at the morning service by many persons desirous of seeing the newly baptized received into the church by the right hand of fellowship.

YARMOUTH COUNTY BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.—*Dear Editor,*—The 15th semi-annual session of the Yarmouth County Baptist Sabbath School Convention met with the Temple Baptist Church, April 24th. Three sessions were held as usual. The weather being stormy, the attendance was comparatively small. Thirteen schools reported by letter; seventeen delegates were in attendance. Pastors Goodspeed, Gordon, Young, DeWolfe, Skinner, Cogswell, Ingram and Dr. Day were present. The following subjects were discussed:

1st. How to make our Sabbath School Convention more useful to our work.

2nd. In what order ought the Scriptures to be read and studied by teachers so that they can more intelligently instruct their classes?

3rd. What must be done to elevate the tone of our Sabbath Schools, and render them more effective?

4th. The Sabbath School as a sphere for Christian work.

5th. How to utilize the material we have.

6th. What relationship ought the church to assume toward the child convert?

7th. To what extent ought the teachers to make known and enforce our doctrines?

W. E. HUESTIS, *Sec'y.*

Yarmouth, April 30th, 1883.

HAVELOCK, KINGS CO., N. B.—*Dear Bro. Selden,*—I have entered upon my second year with the church at Havelock since the 1st of April, with an encouraging outlook for the future. The good work of the Lord has been considerably revived in some sections of the church. Wanderers have been brought back and sinners have been hopefully converted. The Spring Hill section has shared more largely in the blessing of revival influence than any of the others. On the first day of April we visited the baptismal waters, when *six* were immersed in the name of the Triune God, in presence of a large gathering of people. Again on the 15th *seven* more obeyed their Lord in baptism, and on the 29th *four* others put on Christ in this symbolic burial and resurrection. These with *three* others who were baptized last year make *twenty* in all since my settlement with this church a year ago. They are all young persons and give promise of future usefulness. It is indeed refreshing to see the young giving themselves to the Lord in the morning of life. How many there are to-day indulging in vain regrets over wasted lives, especially the most precious season of life spent in the service of sin. Those who embrace the religion of Christ in childhood, are enabled to give a whole lifetime to the service of God. I hope the good work in this place is only just commenced and that there will be ere long abundant showers of grace and mercy and large ingatherings to the Church of Christ.

I have been overjoyed again and again in reading the account of revivals in the pages of both the *Messenger* and *Visitor*, and I send this to the dear old MESSENGER—the never-failing friend of bye gone days, as well as of the present, in hopes that these few items may add a drop to the cup of joy of at least, some of your readers. "Brethren pray for us that the word of, the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

I. J. SKINNER.

May 3rd, 1883.

AMHERST.—Since my last item our Master has continued His converting favor. Others are becoming obedient to the faith, and uniting themselves with the people of God. On April 8th we baptized three young sisters from the Sunday School, and on the 6th inst. eight more, the larger half of them members of our senior classes in the Sunday School. Thus the Scripture is being fulfilled: "The promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Acts ii. 39.

D. A. S.

SACKVILLE, N.B.—*Dear Editor,*—Since my last item of interest to your columns eighteen more have been added to the church here making ninty-seven additions by baptism and otherwise since the union of the churches in January last. We have visited the baptismal waters every Lord's day since the 11th of February, and the interest is unabated, we expect as many for the ordinance next Lord's day as have come any day heretofore. Is not this the best evidence of God's approval of this long-looked-for and much-prayed-for union. How sad that any one bearing the christian name should have hindered so long, and should even now strenously oppose a work which is being so signally blessed of God!

We are working hard but are healthy, happy, and full of hope in regard to the future prosperity of the so long downtrodden Baptist cause in Sackville. Reader, continue your prayer for us, and look for further glad tidings.

Very truly yours,

D. G. MACDONALD.

O'LEARY ROAD, P. E. I., May 4, 1883. *Dear Bro.*—Since I last wrote I held four weeks of special services at Mount Pleasant, which have been crowned with the divine blessing. I baptized three there about ten days ago, and will soon again. Also at Poplar Grove in the presence of 200 people. Also at Northern last evening.

E. N. ARCHIBALD.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

THE OTTAWA HOTEL, conducted on the strictest temperance principles, is about being opened in Amherst, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tabor, late of the "Ottawa House," Partridge Island. The Women's Temperance Union have taken the hotel under their patronage, and to-night there is to be a grand opening, consisting of a social, addresses, &c. The ladies are as busy as bees, and there must be honey forthwith. In other words, the temperance public will have a house free from the peculiar odor of a bar-room, and the proprietor will have a sweet return.

FRIEND.

Dartmouth has in its schools 385 boys and 297 girls. Total 682, with an attendance of 65 per cent.

The following is the list of the SHERIFFS appointed under the new Act:

Annapolis—Peter Bonnett.
Antigonish—Henry P. Hill.
Cape Breton—John Fergusson.
Colchester—Leander J. Crowe.
Cumberland—Roderick McLean.
Digby—Benjamin Van Blarcom.
Guysborough—William F. DesBarres.
Halifax—W. C. Hamilton.
Hants—Edward Curry.
Inverness—Hugh McDonald.
Kings—Stephen Belcher.
Lunenburg—Joseph Creighton.
Pictou—George S. Harris.
Queens—William McGill Scott.
Richmond—J. F. Fuller.
Shelburne—George W. McLean.
Victoria—Jacob Styles Ingraham.
Yarmouth—William K. Dudman.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Annapolis Co.*—To be a Justice of the Peace—William Roy, of Margaretville.

Queens Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—David H. McPherson, of North Brookfield.

Shelburne Co.—To be Registrar of Probate—William E. Marshall, Barrister, of Shelburne, in the place of C. White, resigned.

Annapolis Co—To be a Justice of the Peace—Daniel Hiram North, of Nictaux. To be Coroners—Israel J. Parker, of Belle Isle, and Russel Withers, M. D., of Annapolis.

Guysborough Co.—To be Deputy Issuer of Marriage Licenses at Isaac's Harbor—Alan McMillan.

City of Halifax—To be a member of the Court of Appeal—John H. Barnstead.

The New York *Sun* says: "A reader can scarcely realize how poor and vapid a newspaper can be until he has read the Halifax, N. S, journals. The great aim seems to be to keep everything interesting out of their columns." Surely this is a little slanderous! It does not probably refer to the Halifax weeklies!

His Worship Mayor Fraser was sworn in for his third term before Lieut.-Governor Archibald on Tuesday last, and the new aldermen were sworn in before him in the afternoon of the same day.

A temporary wooden structure—not ornamental—is being erected on the South end of the old Provincial Building. It is for the use of the military bands which will furnish music at the garrison ball on the 16th inst.

A deck hand of the steamer *George Shattuck* was arrested by the police on Thursday last, through information of Customs Officer O'Donnell for smuggling liquor from St. Pierre, Miq., on board the steamer on which he is employed. A case of gin was confiscated.

It appears that the Dalhousie College students hereafter will not be required to wear gowns

The Halifax School Board held a meeting on Thursday last, and adopted estimates for the ensuing year amounting to $66,460.

Truro on Tuesday last elected Dr. Bent for Mayor by a majority of 3 votes over Mr Eaton The election of Councillors resulted in Ward 1—D. H. Smith; Ward 2—D. H. Muir, M. D.; Ward 3—Daniel Gunn.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, was held at Stoney Beach, Annapolis Co., last week, closing on Thursday. Most Worthy Patriach Jewell, from the United States was present, together with several prominent official members of the order and many earnest temperance workers.

Grand Worthy Patriach Burrell presided. The returns as submitted by the Grand Scribe were unexampled, touching the success of the past quarter. More than thirty divisions had been started, numbering over two thousand members.

Public meetings were held at Granville Ferry and Stoney Beach. At the closing of the session an interesting episode took place. One of the far famed bed quilts, the work of the fair ladies of the neighborhood, containing several hundred autographs, having been purchased at auction by Capt. Bowman Corning, was presented to M. W. P. Jewell as a memento of his visit to this jurisdiction. Grand Scribe Tample delivered the presentation speech, which was charactized by more than ordinary eloquence.

Spring Hill is to have a jail and a new hotel.

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES.—The great secret of beauty is pure blood. Eruptions and all blotches that disfigure the face, may be quickly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. Annie Heath, of Portland, certifies that she was cured by this remedy, after suffering for two years.

I certify that I obtained immediate relief during a severe case of bronchitis, when in Camp Sussex this year, by the application of Minard's Liniment.

C. CREW-READ, Lieut.-COL.

FROM A PROMINENT PHYSICAN.—Washingtonville, Ohio, June 17, '80.—Reading the advertisment of Kendall's Spavin Cure, and having a valuable and speedy horse which had been lame from a spavin eighteen months, I sent to you for a bottle by express, which in six weeks removed all lameness and enlargement, and a large splint from another horse, and both horses are to day as sound as colts. The one bottle was worth to me one hundred dollars.

Yours truly,

H. A. BERTOLETT, M. D.

No other preparation so concentrates and combines blood-purifying, vitalizing enriching and invigorating qualities as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Quality should be considered when making comparisons.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE.—Rev. W. E. Gifford, while pastor of M. E. Church, Bothwell, suffered from chronic dyspepsia so badly as to render life almost a burden. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

Economy is a good name and place from which to expel evil spirits. A correspondent writes: "The first seizure of liquor under the Scott Act in Colchester was made on Saturday morning of last week. On Friday night Ryne, who has been selling liquor, and who has had to pay fines on previous occasions, had a fresh supply of liquors come to his house. Next morning Justice Fulmore issued a warrant of search, and Constables Charles Taylor and A. L. Wood went to Ryne's house, and shortly afterwards they, with the assistance of Robert Morrison and C. H. Beattie were seen carrying off a trunk and a basket. They found some thirty-six bottles of brandy and other liquors. Those men whose throats were dry for want of spirits, were sadly disappointed. The liquor has been destroyed according to law."

A sad and fatal accident occurred at Vale Colliery, New Glasgow, on Thursday morning last. Shortly after five o'clock, the men having knocked off work, an accident happened to two trollys loaded with men and boys when about seven hundred feet from the bottom of the slope. The draw bar breaking, the trolleys ran back to the bottom with great force, the result being the killing of six and injury to five of the persons. The names of the unfortunate men are:

KILLED.—Alex. Fraser, (married); Jas. Gillis, (married); Colin Campbell, (single); Wallace McGillivray, (single); James McEachran, (boy); Wm. Hanrahan, (boy).

INJURED.—Richard Taylor, (single); John Nicholson, (single); Malcolm Beaton, (single); Alex. McLeod, (boy); Albert Irving, (boy).

Three of the injured are not expected to recover.

In the Pictou civic elections Mayor McLeod was re-elected. The Councillors chosen were: Ward 1—C. Dwyer; 2—A. C. McDonald; 3—George Lyal.

The Bridgetown *Monitor* says:—"A friend informs us that while stopping at Digby a few weeks ago, he saw to lads named Daley and Burnham shoot the heads off two loons in Digby Basin, with a ball, at a distance of three hundred yards." Good marksmen.

☞ The Baptist Book & Tract Society have just received a splendid assortment of Sabbath School Library Books including Half Price Books. Selling Cheap.

A PRAISEWORTHY OBJECT.—"None name it but to praise." This is true of that unsurpassed remedy, "Hagyard's Yellow Oil." It cures pain and inflammation, whether from sprain, burn, bruise, or frost bite, lame back, rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, croup, deafness, and is for internal and external use.

DECLINE OF MAN.—Nervous, Weakness, Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility, cured by "Wells' Health Renewer." $1.

Oh say, young man, if you want to take your girl for a ride, and can't on account of the lameness of your horse you should procure a bottle of Kendall's Spavin Cure at once, for nothing is better for man or beast. See advt.

Many ladies admire gray hair—on some other person. But few care to try its effect on their own charms. Nor need they, since Ayers Hair Vigor prevents the hair from turning gray, and restores gray hair to its original color. It cleanses the scalp, prevents the formation of dandruff, and wonderfully stimulates the growth of the hair.

A REMARKABLE FACT.—It is a remarkable fact W. A. Edgers, of Frankville, who was so far gone with liver and kidney complaint that his life was despaired of, was cured with four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters. At one day he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels.

WELLS' "ROUGH ON CORNS."—Ask for Wells' "Rough on Corns." 15c. Quick, complete, permanent cure. Corns, warts, bunions.

New Brunswick.

The New Brunswick Legislative Council has thrown out the Government bill providing for a vote of the electors on the question of abolishing the Upper House.

The New Brunswick Legislature was prorogued on Friday last.

On Saturday week, at Elgin, a constable named Wesley Dryden, while engaged, under a search warrant, in looking for a horse which was alleged to have been stolen by another constable named Stewart Steeves, was shot by the latter at the entrance to Steeves' barn. He almost instantly expired. Both men are respectably connected in Albert County, and are well to do farmers.

The Sackville temperance people are proceeding against infringers of the Scott Act. Three dealers were fined $50 each in that place last week.

FLIES AND BUGS.—Flies, roaches, ants, bed-bugs, rats, mice, gophers, chipmunks, cleared out by "Rough on Rats." 15c.

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Dominion of Canada.

The Vice-Regal party will leave Ottawa about the 23rd inst., and His Excellency and Her Royal Highness will open the annual exhibition of the Art Association of Canada at Toronto on the 29th.

It is now said the Marquis of Lorne will return to London in December. Lord Dalhousie will probably succeed him as Governor General of Canada.

The House of Commons has been engaged with the Civil Service Act and Sunply.

The health of the members of the House of Commons has been better during the present session than last, so that they have been comparatively free from sickness, probably from the improved sanitary condition of the House.

The time for the reception of reports of committees and private bills has been extended to May 10.

The Inland Revenue Bill contains upwards of 330 clauses.

It is now said to be a matter of doubt whether Sir Charles Tupper will retire from the Cabinet.

McGill College has conferred the degree of LL D., on His Excellency the Governor-General.

On Saturday last five convicts at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, Montreal, made a desperate attempt to escape. After getting out of their cells they bound and gagged the keeper. The leader is a desperate character named LeBlanc. They then took possession of the jailor's revolver. Two guards came along, and while the leader was pointing the revolver at one of the guard's head, and demanding his surrender, the other guard knocked LeBlanc down with a heavy padlock. That ended the matter. LeBlanc's skull is fractured, and he is not expected to live.

Doubts are expressed that neither the Franchise nor Liquor Legislation bill will pass the House this session.

On Friday last Sir C. Tupper made his annual statement on the progress and expenditure upon the Canadian Pacific Railway. The statement shows the progress in construction to be 1132 miles available for traffic, 1396 miles ready to receive rails and 347 miles left to be begun. The subsidies paid by the country to date are: Cash $6,625,000; land subsidies 7,789,100 acres; value of works handed over $20,266,883, making a total cost to the country thus far in subsidies and value of works handed over $26,891,883 The opposition last year valued the land at $3.40 per acre, this year they valued it at $2.00 per acre. If the actual value of the land had gone up from $1 to $2.60 per acre, that increased value was owing to the vigor with which the company pushed their contract. The company was composed of gentlemen of enormous personal wealth who put their hands into their pockets and furnished capital, or the scheme would have broken down long ago. The opposition calculated upon careful consideration that the Pacific Railway would cost the country not less than 127 millions of dollars. The actual cost would not exceed 120 millions; so that upon their own showing the present bargain was a reasonable and good one. The Syndicate had already paid out for rolling stock on the line of their contract 5 millions of dollars, and had paid into the treasury for duties on importation $835,581—nearly a million dollars, not one dollar of which would have come into the treasury were the railway constructed as a government work. If the company goes on expending as it has done and raises all its lands to the value of $2.60 per acre they will have to spend in branches and various equipments not less than 25 millions of dollars outside of the trunk line, or about equal to all they get from the country. The company had nine years in which to build the entire line, and that contract is already half completed.

In the report of the Minister of Agriculture, would be seen the immense amount of money brought into the country by immigrants, while in addition to this the C. P. R. had paid into the treasury of the Dominion last year one million. Of the enterprise and push of the railway company, some idea could be had from the consideration of the fact that they had constructed one branch of 251 miles, another of 110 miles, and a third of 180 miles. Of the mineral and agricultural resources being opened up, the value especially of the latter, was only now being ascertained to a feeble degree.

A comparison of per centage increase of immigration to the North West with that of the United States would show fifty four in favor of Canada. Sir Charles said he would ask them to bury the dead past and unite in elevating and advancing the prosperity of our common heritage, as it only could be done by a united effort on the part of those to whose fidelity and loyalty was entrusted its prospects of future greatness. For several moments after the delivery of the concluding sentence there was silence in the Chamber, which gave place to round after round of applause.

The Manitoba Legislature is summoned to meet at Winnipeg, on the 17th inst.

Farming is preferred at Winnipeg to law; one hundred and sixty jury cases have been postponed until the Fall, to allow farmers on the jury to go home to put in crops.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ITEMS.—Two hundred and fifty immigrants landed at Victoria, on Wednesday last.

The discovery of an extensive seam of bituminous coal within ten miles of Victoria is announced

Hotels and other houses are filled to overflowing. Building is brisk.

Two steamers are on the way from San Francisco, filled with families of mechanics and laborers to settle in the Province.

The workshops are unusally active.

The Pacific Railway track is laid to Boston Bar and trains are running.

The third volume of the Census is said to be so full of blunders that the Minister of Agriculture hesitates about issuing it.

The steamer Grappler, which plied between Puget Sound and Alaska, while proceeding North with one hundred passengers and a full cargo, took fire on Wednesday last, at Seymour Narrows, near Bule Inlet, and was burned and sunk. It is supposed at least fifty persons, including Capt. J. Jaggers, lost their lives.

A number of Canadians who came here by the last steamer, to work in coast canneries, perished. Most of the passengers were Chinamen.

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Notices.

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS FOR APRIL.

Convention Fund, per J. March.	$187 59
Young Ladies Bible Class, Amherst Point, per J. M. Layton	1 50
Hebron Sabbath School, Dr. Day.	50 00
Convention Fund, per do....	50 00
Rev. D. W. Crandall	1 00
Con. Fund, Rev. Mr. Lavers	42 00
	$332 09

C. F. CLINCH, *Treas.*

Clinch Mills, N. B., May 1, 1883.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.

Mrs. John Matheson, per James DesBrisay, Esq	$2 00
C. W. Warren, Esq., Coll. at North River	2 13
Belfast Church	5 00
Uigg Church	3 00
Alexandra Church	4 00
	$16 13

A. H. LAVERS,
Fin. Com. for P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 1, 1883.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.

Lockeport Church, instalment	$128 00
Wilmot Church, do. ...	10 00
	$138 00

G. E. DAY.

Yarmouth, May 7th, 1883.

P. S.—The churches are kindly requested to forward their contributions as soon as possible. G. E. D.

RECEIVED FOR ACADIA COLLEGE.

Endowment Fund.	
Jacob Spencer, Spencers Island	$ 22 14
Thos. Fulton, Economy	20 00
Jacob Stephens, DeBert River, per Rev. M. P. Freeman	4 00
Interest.	
C. F. Clinch & Son, St. John, N. B., per Rev. G. E. Day	18 00
Jas. M. Layton, Amherst, N. S.	3 00
Jacob Spencer, Spencers Island.	2 86
Convention Fund,	
Per Rev. Geo. E. Day	150 00
Special to Current Expenses.	
J. West, Wolfville, N. S.	5 00
C. W. Roscoe, "	5 00
Burpee Witter, "	8 00
General Indebtness Fund.	
C. F. Clinch, St. John, N. B.	100 00

X. Z. CHIPMAN, *Treasurer.*

Wolfville, N. S., May 4th, 1883.

RECIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Guysboro—Mrs. J. McG. Cunningham	$23 75
Berwick—Miss Effie Illsley	4 00

M. R. SELDEN, *Treasurer.*

Halifax, May 1st, 1883.

Moneys Received.

E. Freeman, $2. C. W. Sanders, $1. S. P. Starratt, $2. L. J. Morse, $8. D.A. McDonell, $2. H. M. Harris, $3.80. A. W. Kinney, $1.50. H. R. Cunningham, $2. C. L. Illsley, $1. J. B. Phillips, $1.

There are 36,000 stated ministers in England and Wales, 23,000 of them belonging to the Anglican Church. This gives a minister to every 700 persons.

It is estimated that there are 1,200 towns west of the Mississippi River without churches or regular preaching of any kind. Yet young men say there is no room for them.