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## News from the Churches.

### Prince Edward Island.

O'LEARY.—The work now going forward in West Devon, Lot 10, will interest ardent supporters of Home Mission work. This is new ground for Baptists. Last fall I was denied the privilege of using the old school house. Rather than die, we decided to live and build. Although most of our helpers were unconverted men, we never saw more harmony and diligent perseverance. The house is now up, and on the first Sabbath in June we expect to hold worship and organize a Sabbath School. Bro. Mellick expects to assist me. Already some conversions have rejoiced our hearts. Will not some of our dear brethren send us a token of their love before that date, if it should be but one dollar?

On Wednesday the 14th inst., I had the pleasure of baptizing nine happy converts in Lot 6 River. Also on Sabbath the 18th at Cape Wolf we baptized seven more. God has been greatly blessing our dear brother Mellick's labors in the O'Leary Church.

Brother Edward Locke is now on his way with his family to Wolfville, for a few years' study, in view of the Christian ministry. He was baptized by me three years ago. Since then he has felt the woe of not preaching. We doubt not that he is called of God and will prove it by the King's seal. May the blessing of God attend him and his family in their new sphere.

We greatly feel the loss of dear Bro. Corley. May the Lord so guide that the pastorless churches of Tryon, Bedeque, Summerside, &c., may have the needed watch-care.

NOTES FROM SPRING HILL MINES.—I am just returning from the above named place, having exchanged with Bro. Miller. Two young men were yesterday baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. Another was expected but had been confined to his house by sickness. The prospects of the church are hopeful, and I would bespeak for them more than encouraging words. These will be thankfully received, but material aid towards removing indebtedness on their place of worship, recently purchased will be better still. The brethren at the Mines are doing a noble work and will no doubt have the sympathy of the denomination.

M. P. FREEMAN.

PORT LOYNE, May 20th.—Dear Brother, —The interest in the Wilnot Mountain Church, is still encouraging. I baptized last Sabbath two young men at Arlington. The congregations through my whole field of labour are good, and listen to the word spoken in the name of the Sinners Friend with deep interest.

W. L. PARKER.

There is not an organist who could not improve his style and execution by a careful study of hymn-tunes to make them rhythmic. I have heard organist, of reputation "give out" the tune without any pace at all, merely fumbling through it hap-hazard. A good giving out of the tune in the exact time desired, and with the expression proper to the character of the hymn, goes a good way toward inspiring the congregation to sing heartily.—Freeman.

## Correspondence.

### For the Christian Messenger. The College Question.

Dear Editor,—

You have done good service in publishing that majority Report of the Committee of Education, recently submitted to the House of Assembly, though its contents will surprise many people not a little, I think. Facts and logic are such stubborn things to face and to stare out of countenance, that it is to me simply amazing that five intelligent men have been found within the Province willing to undertake a task at once so difficult and so dangerous. These gentlemen have seats in the Local Legislature of Nova Scotia. The Hon. C. E. Church, Dr. A. Haley, W. D. Harrington, W. A. Patterson and R. Hookin have, it seems, issued a written manifesto in which they declare in the face of the settlement made by the Legislature of this "vexed question" in 1865, and of the facts which have since transpired, that in their opinion "Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1876 was intended to be a final settlement of the question." Not both sides of the question you will observe, for Dalhousie, may now quietly take as a gift \$20,000 of the people's money, while no other College need expect anything whatever. To continue the \$400 a year to Acadia under the arrangement of 1865, says this remarkable report, would "interfere with the legislation above referred to." The propriety of making an annual allowance from the public treasury to one College in lieu of a large loan, without interest, made to another College is clear enough to people who are so fortunate as to live in a free country, and this is just what was done in 1865. The justice of giving all to one College is not so apparent especially when other Colleges, both in quantity and quality, are doing precisely the same kind of work. I for one do not believe that the legislature of 1876 "intended" to do anything of the kind. Mr. Church and his confederates have wisely contented themselves with a bald expression of "opinion." How they have reached their conclusion must forever remain a mystery. The Act referred to is silent on the question. The adjustment of 1865 was too well understood to be referred to, even. The "lion's share" is, as usual, given to Dalhousie, but this time expressly on the ground of it being the College of the Presbyterians. Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1876 is brief and easily understood, and with your permission, Mr. Editor, I propose to discuss it in another letter.

Yours &c.,  
A. A. C.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Home Missions.

As the time for the meeting of the Associations is drawing near and Committees on Missions will be making ready their reports, we wish to furnish them with a few facts concerning our Home Mission work.

We have promised aid to 38 fields, 19 in Nova Scotia, 13 in New Brunswick, 4 in P. E. Island, and 2 in Manitoba. These grants amount to about \$4,000.00. The deficit of last year was \$613.08, so that we shall need at least \$5,000.00 to meet the entire expenditure of the year. Thus far we have received \$1,864.77, so that we shall need to receive more than \$3,000.00 before the end of July.

Besides the above grants we have appointed 14 young men to missions during their vacation, viz.: 7 in Nova Scotia and 7 in New Brunswick. We are hoping to receive a grant from the Ministerial Education Board to assist us in remunerating these.

Rev. Isa. Wallace has been in the employ of the Board for a part of the year as general missionary. His labours have been much blessed to the fields visited. Several of the fields assisted have shared in the revival blessings that have been granted, and several pastors have reported baptisms amounting in all thus far reported to 230. Many of the fields are making progress in the direction of self-support and some hitherto aided are self-sustaining.

The Association can render important aid in the work of Home Missions by appointing committees to group the churches in such a way that all, even the weakest shall be cared for. In all our associations some weak churches are being pushed out in the cold. The associations should see that this is remedied and prevented.

A. CONOON, Cor. Sec'y.  
Hebron, N. S., May 22, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger.  
From Morgan Park.

Dear Editor,—

Perhaps you have already received some notes regarding the "Commencement" at Morgan Park, held on the 8th inst. If so, you will find room for this in the waste basket.

The weather was favorable, and the exercises throughout have never been superior. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (mornings and afternoons) the public examinations were held. Monday evening was taken up with the Reception given by the Faculty in the Seminary. On Tuesday evening Dr. Wood, of the Memorial Church, delivered the address before the Rhetorical Society. He treated of the Relation between the Natural and Supernatural. "If one comes to the study of nature with preconceived agnostic theories, he may land in a pernicious materialism. On the other hand, if one comes to the study of Scripture with extra-Scriptural notions as to the relations of matter to spirit, he may land in a spiritualism that is quite as much in the extreme." Our theology should include the whole revelation of God, in word and work: neither is complete without the other. On Wednesday evening Rev. C. R. Henderson of Detroit preached the annual sermon before the Alumni Association from 1 Tim. i. 11, 12. Dr. Henson, I should have said before, preached the sermon before the Patterson Missionary Society in his own church on Sunday morning the 4th.

On Thursday morning the Graduating Exercises were held in Dr. Lorimer's Church. The class numbered twenty-five—nine belonging to the Scandinavian department, four English-course men, and twelve who received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Of the last mentioned were Mr. A. C. Chute and Mr. C. K. Harrington of Nova Scotia. Two men were "doctored"; Rev. C. R. Henderson, of Detroit; and Rev. W. C. P. Rhoades, of Granville, Ohio. The orations of the graduates were well received. President Northrup's address to the class was a characteristic one—earnest and manly.

The Alumni Dinner was held at the Palmer House, the finest hotel in the city. It lasted from two till five—the eating and speaking. Dr. Northrup reviewed the prospects of the Seminary; Prof. Call, of Iowa University, gave the first impressions of a visitor. Prof. Marsh spoke on behalf of the Board. Rev. H. Rowlands gave an address on behalf of the pastors. Rev. O. Fletcher spoke as an alumnus. Mr. A. C. Chute, the representative of the graduating class, spoke on "The Work before Us and the Seminary behind Us." Henderson, the newly made D. D., responded to the compliments of the president. Dr. Anderson, of Chicago University, made the closing address.

The Seminary at Toronto seems to be booming. Morgan Park cannot expect many Nova Scotians after this. But the institution has done well by those who have come from there. And Acadia has left a good record. She generally does that. Success to her.

Ever yours,  
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Chicago, May, 1884.

## Home News.

### Nova Scotia.

Water Street and Granville Street have had special attractions during the evenings of the past week in the exhibition of the ten or twelve Electric Lights placed along them for showing the superiority of electricity to all other artificial lights. There is no question about their being immensely superior to any thing seen before in Halifax. Immediately under the light it was almost as bright and clear as noon day. In the two shops—those of Jas. Scott and Woodill's Drug store in which lights were placed, were far brighter than ordinary daylight makes them. It is said that for lighting the streets the expense is less than by gas. The gas lights along side of the electric lights were but red sparks of not the slightest good. What will be done by the City Fathers with regard to this matter is at present uncertain. So many of the people of means in the city are interested in gas stock, that it will be difficult for them to divest themselves of the idea that it will be against their interest to

diminish the demand for gas that it is probable they will not encourage this new thing.

The Board of Harbor and Pilot Commissioners have suspended Pilots Bernard Gallagher of Boat No. 1 and John Simmonds of Boat No. 4. for three months, and fined them \$25. James Spears of No. 3 has also been suspended, the period not named. Pilot Gallagher is charged with having arranged to go to Boston in the *Boston City* and having no boat by which to return. He denies the charge however.

The improvements in the Freshwater Esplanade in contemplation, will be an immense attraction to the South End of the city. By the extension of the sea wall a hundred feet further into the harbor, and a promenade pier built out into the harbour, and a small house on the end, thus utilizing the shoal there, what would otherwise have been a nuisance will be a great attraction during the summer.

A sad and fatal accident occurred on Sunday last in the death by drowning of Mr. Dennis J. Leahy, Commission Merchant of Water Street, Halifax, which took place at Salters Falls, about two miles from Mills Village, Queen's Co., where he had gone to fish for salmon. The body was found on Monday. The fact of the death having occurred on the Lord's Day gives additional sadness to the case. Much sympathy is felt in the community for his widow and family of three small children. Mr. Leahy was a most genial pleasant man, and was much esteemed in the city.

A telegram from St. Johns, Newfoundland on Friday last states that three monster icebergs were reported on the Newfoundland coast, one over nine miles long drifting along at the mouth of White Bay, one estimated to be seven miles long passing south forty miles east of St. John's and the third, several miles in circumference, in St. John's Bay aground on George's rock and almost blocking the harbor of St. John's.

The schooner J. M. Manning, which arrived at Canoe on Friday from Cape North by Yarmouth, reports that on the 20th instant she was driven from Cape North Banks by ice, losing her anchor, one hundred fathoms of cable and all gear. She saw the American schooner Florence B. Parr and Proctor Brothers fishing on the same grounds before the ice came down. Fish were plentiful.

Mr. Geo. H. Shattuck brought in Monday of last week from the Gallaghers Gold Mining and Milling Company's works at Isaac's Harbor a bar of gold weighing over 201 oz., the product of 55 tons of quartz at a total expense of production of \$2,140. The mine is looking as well as ever and the output is still increasing.

Some forty or fifty men are now laboring at the Oxford gold diggings, Chezzet-cook.

The Revs. Dr. Burns and L. H. Jordan will represent the Y. M. C. A. of Nova Scotia at the Tenth World's Convention, to be held in Berlin, Aug. 20th to 24th.

The *Western Chronicle* understands that Mr. W. H. Banks has received an order from the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, to print and bind fifty thousand copies of the Nova Scotia hand book for information for intending immigrants. The pamphlet was compiled by Mr. C. I. Pittman and Mr. John Ervin, of the Nova Scotia Immigration Society, at the expense of the Province and approved of by the Nova Scotian and Dominion Governments.

### Dominion of Canada.

The Royal Society was in session at Ottawa last week and closed its sittings on Thursday.

Serious trouble is feared will arise with the Indians of the North-West Territory. The complaint is that they have not enough to eat and what they have is bacon causing scurvy. On Monday night of last week a telegram stated that Pie-a-Pot, Yellow Calf and Long Lodge encamped near Qu'Appelle Station on route to the sun dance on the Pasqua's reserve.

A Regina despatch says that fifty-three mounted police with cannon under command of Col. Herchmer, left to day for Qu'Appelle, anticipating an Indian outbreak. Chiefs Little Mountain, Pie-a-Pot and Yellow Calf complain that their reserves are overrun with lizards and snakes and too swampy to raise grain.

A telegram on Friday last said Pie-a-Pot has sent a runner to the Crooked Lake reserves, summoning all the Indians to the sun dance, saying if they fail to come he will consider them enemies and declare war against them. They will probably go.

There was a large gathering of the friends of the Opposition at the Grand Opera House at Toronto on Tuesday night to hear Sir Richard Cartwright on the situation of the two political parties. It was pronounced a brilliant speech. The closing paragraph of the telegram to the *Morning Chronicle* says: "Sir Richard then entered upon the speculative phase of politics, and announced that in so doing he was speaking for

himself alone. He had found, he said, great unrest, a doubt as to the stability of our present government institutions. The feeling would develop, and to meet it they had before them three courses. The first was annexation to the United States, a course that did not for a moment receive his approval. Next came the question of independence, of which he did approve, a sentiment which the audience cheered to the echo. Lastly, they could form a federation of all the English speaking people of the world. This scheme might be too vast. If so, they must prepare for self government."

A disastrous fire occurred in the Mail building at Toronto, and burned the upper portion; the tower fell, but in consequence of precautions taken it did no personal injury to any one. It is said the material in the South wing owned by the Mail alone was worth a hundred thousand dollars.

## News of the World.

The new Franchise Bill in committee of the House of Commons on Tuesday, a motion was made by Mr. Broderick to exclude Ireland from the operation of the Bill, which was rejected by 332 against 137. Lord Churchill and Parnell voted with the government. Sir Stafford Northcote and many of his followers quitted the House before the division took place. The London Standard of the following day pronounced Lord Churchill's conduct "mischievous and likely to entail disaster upon the Conservative cause." The *Morning Post* considers the arguments advanced by Lord Randolph plausible, and says they "deserve and will obtain respectful attention."

The House on Wednesday rejected the bill amending the Irish Laborers' Act of 1883 by a vote of 138 to 75. Parnell complained of the opposition offered by Trevelyan, Chief Secretary for Ireland. He said the Government must not find fault if it meets with a little retaliation. "Does the Government," he asked, "mean to wait until the laborers burn the houses over the heads of dissenting landlords?"

In the House of Commons on Friday Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Under Foreign Secretary, stated that no news had been received from Gen. Gordon since April 10th; further, a confidential message had been sent to Gen. Gordon. The Mudir of Dongola believes the messenger has entered Khartoum and is unable to return. The Mahdi, Lord Edmund said is at El Rebal. His followers prevent him from going to the White Nile.

Unusual activity prevails at Woolwich Arsenal; a portion of a detachment has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to proceed to the Nile. Large steamers are loading immense quantities of stores for Egypt. The rumor of the employment of Turkish troops for the Sudan is without foundation.

A fire in the lumber yard of Messrs. Milnes, at Aberdeen, is stated to be the most alarming conflagration even known in that city. An open yard covering some three acres of space was filled with high sticks of sawn American timber, which formed a vast furnace.

The British ship Syria has been wrecked at the Figi Islands. Seventy of her passengers were drowned.

The Paris *Republique Francaise* denies that France has any intention of conquering Morocco. All reports to that effect it pronounces the inventions of clumsy gallophobes, Spain and the Sultan of Morocco know that they are entirely without foundation.

Private contractors of the War Office will begin in June to construct a military railway across the desert, which is considered quite indispensable.

Zebhr Pasha has sent messengers by three distinct routes to Khartoum to discover Gen. Gordon's fate. It is expected that the messengers will return in August.

The situation in Upper Egypt is reassuring. El Mahdi is stationary at Abou Haraza, south-west of Obeid. It is reported that El Mahdi has ordered his followers to bring Gen. Gordon to El Obeid alive.

The *Times* Alexandria correspondent says that a Greek has been found who is acquainted with the country and who is willing to undertake the delivery of messages to General Gordon, and return answers in two months provided one thousand pounds is guaranteed him, payable if he is successful.

Severe shocks of earthquake were felt on Wednesday throughout the peninsula of Cyzicus, Asia Minor. Several villages were damaged, many houses destroyed, and twenty persons killed.

A terrific cyclone has occurred in Akyab, British Burmah. Immense damage to property is reported.

The Grant and Ward failure has caused much chagrin among honorable business men in New York and Washington. Ferdinand Ward was on Thursday night immured in a cell at Ludlow Street Jail. The officer in charge of Ward states that the latter will not be locked up long, as he pays his way outside. The affidavit of City Chamberlain Nappan, which caused Ward's arrest, is substantially as follows: In September, 1883, Ward informed him that his firm was largely engaged in the business of buying contracts of the United States Government; that in consequence of delay in getting their money, contractors sold their contracts at a great sacrifice. Representation was made that Grant, Ward & Co. could, through their influence with the Government, secure speedy and prompt payments of such claims, and that the profits from these transactions were very large and they had decided to give a few of their friends an opportunity to share their profits. Relying upon these statements Nappan advanced altogether about \$600,000. It is said that these statements were false and known to be so when made.

The shore end of the new Bennett-Mackay cable was successfully landed on Thursday at Rockport, amid the great rejoicing and enthusiasm of the people. There still remains 250 miles to complete before connection is had with Dover Bay.

The Senate at Washington on Tuesday passed a bill extending to August, 1886, the time to commence laying the cable by the Act of August 8th, 1882. The parties interested in the bill are mainly citizens of New York and Philadelphia. The new company expects to send eight or ten messages simultaneously over the same wires.

The annual parade of the League of American Wheelmen (bicyclists) was held at Washington on Tuesday last. Six hundred were in the procession which was reviewed by the President.

The official statement of the Western Union Telegraph Company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1883, shows a gross revenue of \$19,571,476; expenses, including all expenses of operating, maintenance, reconstruction, taxes, rent of leased lines, etc., \$12,928,963. Net profits, \$6,642,513, from which there was paid four quarterly dividends of 1 1/2 per cent, each, \$5,509,125. Interest on bonded debt, \$426,247. Sinking fund appropriation \$40,094. Surplus for the year, \$577,046.

A telegram from Portsmouth, Ohio, on Wednesday says: The suspension bridge across the Scioto River fell while some cattle were crossing. Mrs. Fulwiler, with four children, were on the bridge at the time. The children were drowned. The bridge cost \$40,000.

An attachment was granted at New York, on Tuesday last by Judge Donohue against the property of A. W. Dimock & Co., on a suit brought by Alfred Sully for a personal claim of the plaintiff for \$238,400 in securities deposited with Dimock & Co., whose present market value is about \$409,000. It was granted on the ground that Dimock & Co. made a fraudulent assignment.

A vault in City Clerk's office, East St. Louis, was broken open on Thursday night and everything in it stolen. It contained \$20,000 in city scrip, about \$14,000 cash, \$11,000 of which belonged to the City Clerk and his brother, and the remainder to other city officials.

The widow of Capt. Webb is at the Suspension Bridge of Buffalo, having accepted the position of cashier in the Whirlpool Rapids Park.

It was reported on Friday that the business failures of the last week throughout the country number: For the United States, 212; and for Canada 20; or a total of 232, as compared with a total of 203 last week—an increase of 29 failures.

Jas. D. Fish, late president of the N. Y. Marine Bank, was arrested on Sunday last, upon a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Shields. Fish was arrested at Mystic Flats, at Broadway and Thirty-Ninth Street, where it is said he has been concealing himself. Commissioner Shields deposed that after a careful examination of the books of the Marine Bank, President Fish has misappropriated funds belonging to the bank to the amount of \$1,147,000.