

The committee was specially composed of Earl Cairns, Lord Chancellor, Lord Caird, Sir Robert Collier, Sir Robert Collier, counsel for Ontario, occupied the whole day in stating their case. The court gave decision on the case. The court then proceeded to hear arguments on the second question propounded to it, which is: In case the award is held not to be the boundary question, then what in the evidence is the true boundary?

Hearing the evidence tendered in behalf of Ontario consumed the whole of Wednesday and Thursday.

Rumors which originated in Boston, are afloat that negotiations are progressing favorably between the Canadian Pacific and Boston and Lowell for through traffic between the former city and the West. Very few difficulties are reported to be in the way, and the scheme is likely to be carried out. The Grand Trunk is reported to be desirous of securing a route to Boston. It is thought that the move of the Canadian Pacific will meet with some opposition.

A serious fire occurred in Toronto on Thursday last. One man was killed by falling timber whilst another was fatally injured. Three valuable horses were also consumed.

News of the World.

In the House of Lords the motion of the Earl of Wemyss that the House proceed to consider the Franchise Bill, provided the Government would undertake to present at the autumn session a bill for the distribution of seats in the House of Commons was defeated.

In the House of Commons Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Under Foreign Secretary, stated that the Governments of Holland and England had agreed to jointly demand of the Rajah of Tenom a surrender of the crew of the steamer *Nisero*, which was wrecked on the coast of Sumatra. If he refused to comply with their demand he would be punished. If he consents to deliver up his captives he would receive a money payment and his ports would be opened.

Mr. Gladstone stated that the Financial Committee of the Egyptian Conference had completed its labors and was ready to submit its report to the Conference, which would meet shortly.

On Wednesday last, the axle of the engine attached to the express train on the Manchester and Sheffield Railway broke near Peniston and the train jumped the track and fell from a bridge which it was crossing. Twenty-five persons were killed and forty others more or less seriously injured.

The scenes underneath the bridge after the train had fallen were most terrible to witness. The carriages were reduced almost to splinters. The groans of men and the shrieks of women and children were heart-rending in the extreme. Some delay was experienced before the victims could be extricated from the wreck.

A despatch from Pondicherry, the capital of the French possessions in India, states that a rocket exploded during the celebration of the fall of the Bastille. The building in which the rocket exploded contained a large quantity of fireworks, and a fearful explosion resulted. Fifteen persons were killed and many others injured.

M. Roussieu, Minister of the Interior and M. Derissou, Minister of Public Works, are at Marseilles on a tour of inspection. The Prefect, welcoming them at the depot, said that over 46,000 inhabitants had fled by railway and 20,000 by other roads leading out of the city. At the present moment there was threatened a more terrible scourge than cholera, namely, unprecedented want and misery. Commerce and industry were at a standstill and great numbers of workmen were unemployed. M. Roussieu assumed the officials of the sympathy of the Government for the people, and said the utmost would be done to relieve their distress.

The foreigner who on Tuesday spat upon the French flag in Place Concord and afterwards escaped from the crowd has been arrested, and an inquiry has been ordered. He is a German theological student.

The number of deaths at Marseilles from cholera during the past twenty-four hours was 53. The total number on Wednesday was 57. Eleven deaths from cholera occurred the previous day, including the Commissary of Police and Chief Prison Warden.

The correspondent of the *Times* at Shanghai says the French Minister at Tien Tsin has demanded the withdrawal of the Chinese troops from the frontiers of Tonquin and the payment of the indemnity asked by the French. The demand was delivered to Tong Li Yamen, who, after considering it, rejected it. Time was allowed to China by France for compliance with the terms specified which expired on July 19. War is apparently inevitable.

London had a monster political demonstration on Monday last. The Trades Unions met at the Thames embankment in thousands to show their opposition to the action of the House of Lords on the Franchise Bill, and walk-

ed in procession with banners and emblematical devices.

Cholera is on the increase in Paris. Eight cases were reported on Monday.

There is a probability of a war between the three telegraph companies—the Baltimore & Ohio the Postal and the Bankers and Merchants on one side and the Western Union on the other. In a stock market, which had not lost all sense of shock from repeated violent blows, such a prospect would have influenced prices but Western Union did not fluctuate more than on an ordinary day, and was strong at the close. The new rival lines are quite powerful corporations, and the Western Union is a splendidly equipped and wonderfully organized system, with a fair reserve of financial strength. The fight will interest the public in giving it the cheapest and best telegraphic service in the world. The contest will be bitter and probably a long one. The effect on the earnings of the companies at first glance, would seem to be bad, but a cheapening of the tolls between great centres has frequently resulted in a profit from an increasing business.

While it is known just what the result of a railroad war would be in this respect, the result of war between telegraph companies is problematic.

A despatch came from Washington on Thursday last stating that by a telegram from St. John's, Newfoundland, seven survivors of the Greely Arctic Expedition have been found—Lieut. Greely, Sergeant Brainard, Sergeant Fredericks, Sergeant Long, Sergeant Ellison, hospital steward Beiberback, and Private Connell—who were found by the relief ships *Thetis* and *Bear* near the mouth of Smith's Sound on the 22nd of June. Sergeant Ellison was very much prostrated and badly frostbitten when found, and died at Godhaven on the 6th July, after undergoing surgical operation. Relief ships *Thetis* and *Bear*, with the survivors, are now at St. John's, Nfld.

Lieut. Greely in a despatch to General Hazen says: "We abandoned Fort Conger on August 9th, were frozen on a pack off Victoria Head on August 29, and abandoned the steam launch on September 11th. Eleven miles north-east of Cocked Hat Island, when on the point of landing, we were three times driven by south-west storms into Kane's Sea. We finally landed on September 29th in Band Inlet. Learning by scouting parties of the *Proteus* disaster, and that no provisions had been left for us from Cape Isabella to Sabine, we moved and established winter quarters at Camp Clay, half-way between Sabine and Cocked Hat. An inventory showed that by the daily ration of four and one-third ounces of meat, seven of bread and dog biscuits, and four ounces of miscellaneous, the party would have ten days full rations left for crossing Smith Sound to Littleton Island on March 1st. Unfortunately Smith Sound remained open the entire winter, rendering crossing impossible. The game failed, despite daily hunting. From early February, before the sun returned, only five hundred pounds of meat were obtained. This year minute shrimps, seaweed, sassafras, rock lichens and sealkins were resorted to for food with results as shown by the number of survivors. The last regular food was issued on May 14th. Only one hundred and fifty pounds of meat left by Garlington compelled me to send in November four men to obtain a hundred and forty-four pounds of English meat at Isabella. During the trip Ellison froze solid both hands and feet and lost them all, surviving, however throughout the terrible winter and spring until July 8th. The survivors owe their lives to the indomitable energy of Captain Schery and Lieut. Emery, who, preceded by three and accompanied by five whalers, forced their vessels from Upper Navik through Melville Bay into the north water at Cape York. With the foremost of the whaler they gained a yard whenever possible and always held it. Smith Sound was crossed and the party rescued during one of the most violent gales I have ever known. The boats were handled only at imminent risk of swamping. Four of us were then unable to walk and could not have survived the succeeding twenty-four hours. Every care and attention was given us after we were saved and brought back. Copies of meteorological, tidal, astronomical, magnetic, pendulum and other observations, also the pendulum gale and standard thermometers, forty-eight photographic negatives, a collection of bluffs and photographic proofs, Esquimaux relics and other things were necessarily abandoned.

The *Thetis* remains at St. John's probably five days. The geographical and scientific result of the Greely expedition is said to be very valuable, the party having penetrated to a point farther northward than any ever before reached.

Germany now produces from beets alone nearly twice as much sugar as the island of Cuba does from its cane fields. Last year the product was 925,000 tons; this year it will probably exceed 1,000,000 tons. After supplying the home demand, 540,000 tons were exported.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Home Missions.

BOARD MEETING.

The Home Missionary Board met in regular monthly session on Monday the 14th inst., Treasurer reported receipts of the month \$578.00.

Reports were received from Brethren Shaw, Spurr, Mellick, Jordan, Corey, Bleakney, Normandy, and Wallace.

GRANTS.

1. To Greywood and Milford, [Anna]polis, \$75.00 for one year. Rev. J. E. Bleakney, pastor.

2. To Emy Vale, P. E. I., \$50.00 for one year. W. P. Tillman, missionary.

REPORTS WANTED.

Our year closes July 31st, I should like to have reports all in hand from all our mission fields by the 6th August. Student missionaries need not report until the expiration of their missions. Blanks have been sent to all the missionaries. If any have not received them please let us know at once.

\$1500 WANTED.

Between the date of our last meeting, July 14th, and August 10th, the time at which our books must close, our Treasurer will need to receive \$1500.00, in order to close the year without a debt. Will not those who have not yet given now come forward and do their part in this good work? The Finance Committee are ready to receive and transmit the funds to our Treasurer, Rev. C. Goodspeed, Yarmouth, N. S.

A. COHOON,

Cor. Sec'y H. M. B.

Hebron, July 18th, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger.

Home Missions.

NO. 1.

May we not hope that at the coming Convention at Moncton, measures may be adopted and enthusiasm awakened that shall be the means of giving a new impetus to our Home Missionary operations.

While so much is being said and done in the interests of Academic and Collegiate education at Wolfville, and now at St. John's, is it not a good time for us to ask, Are we doing all that God expects of us for our Home Missions? Are we doing all we may to assist our weak churches, and give the Gospel to the perishing thousands of our land?

God forbid that I should say anything against Education. I believe with Robert Haldane, that education is a great blessing when it sits at the feet of Jesus, and when this is the case we cannot have too much of it. But after all, is there not danger of falling into the temptation of giving to this department of our work a larger share of attention than we can consistently with other claims that may be even more urgently pressing themselves upon us.

The culture of the mind is important, and we are in duty bound to provide every facility possible, under the circumstances, for the rising generation to secure a liberal education. But while we are willing to admit this, yet we know that the salvation of the soul is not only important, but essential, and unless we allow this fundamental principle of our holy religion to have its due weight upon our minds in shaping and carrying forward our denominational work, we shall, more than likely, be found either hiding, or misappropriating our Lord's money.

Our Home Mission is our first and greatest work. He who is our pattern and example in all things, was a Home Missionary in the highest and truest sense of the word. From city to city, from hamlet to hamlet, and from house to house, He went preaching the Gospel and performing His wondrous works. How true it is, "He went about doing good." The Apostles were home missionaries; "they went," it is said, "through the towns, preaching the Gospel and healing everywhere."

The early Christians were home missionaries. We read that "they were scattered abroad, and went everywhere preaching the word."

The fathers of our denomination in these provinces were home missionaries. They too went everywhere preaching the Gospel and establishing churches; and it is due largely to the missionary spirit of the fathers that we are indebted, under God, for our success in the past, and for the very favorable position we occupy among the denominations to day.

And is not the world looking for and expecting to see the same spirit in us? And is it not this spirit more than anything else that will gain health and vigor to our enterprises and make us successful in every laudable undertaking? And is it not this that will give power

to our utterances, zeal in our efforts, fervor in our prayer and direction in gifts?

Upon the vigor and the enterprise with which our home mission work is pushed forward depends very largely our success in every other undertaking in which we are engaged. Success in this work is at the very foundation, in fact of success in all our work as Christians and as Baptists.

If we succeed here there will be no lack of either men or money for the Foreign field, and our Educational interests will not be allowed to suffer. But on the other hand if we fail here, and it is as startling as it is true, we fail everywhere.

Baptist Book and Tract Society,
104 GRANVILLE ST., HALIFX.

Amounts received for Colportage.

Halifax—Mrs Wm Murray, \$1.
Yarmouth—B R Williams, \$1. W J Cameron, 50 cents. Friend, 50 cents. L C Haley, 2. H E Haley, 2. Rev J L M Young, 1. Rev G E Day, M D, 1. J R Kinney, 2. Mrs Lovitt, 4. Mrs Powell, 4. Joshua Huestis, 2. T B Crosby, 1. Z Goudy, 1. A S Murray, 5. Rev J A Gordon, 1. Mrs Saaw, 3. G G Sanderson, 1.

Ohio—J E Allen, 75 cents. George Crosby, Senr., \$1.

Granville Ferry—J E Locke, \$1.

Lake George—Rev A Cogswell, \$2.

Digby—Rev J S Brown, 50 cents.

Paradise—Rev J T Eaton, \$1.

Bridgetown—Nemo, 50 cents. Mrs J M Barnaby, \$1. Wm Chipman, 1. John B Reed, 1.

Wolfville—Dr Rand, \$1. E W Sawyer, 150.

Windsor—A P Shand, \$20.

Annapolis—Eastern Association collection, \$9.20. W M Read, 1. William Rogers, 1. G B Smith, 1. George Christie, 1.

Truro—Rev J E Goucher, \$1. Wm Cummings, 1. Howard Chambers, 3. Mrs Chambers, 1.

Kingston—Central Association collection, \$10.24.

Capital Fund.

Pettitodiac, N. B.—Thos Herritt, \$1.

John B Steeves, 1. Chas B Herritt, 1.

Butternut Ridge, N. B.—Octwell Corey, \$1. Howard Hicks, 5. Charles W Corey, 5. Wm H Beckwith, 5. Mrs Stephen Mullins, 1. Albert H Thorne, 1. George W Alward, 2. Collection 1.68.

Kinnear Settlement, N. B.—Collection, 66 cents.

New Canada, N. B.—Lewis Keith, \$1.

Clara Thorne, 2. Collection, 83 cents.

Hillsboro, N. B.—Orestes Steeves, \$2. Mrs E Davis, 250. Miss Delea Davis, 250.

Lower Stewiacke—J B Banks, \$5.

Halifax—Friend, \$15. Mrs Hurley, 1.

N. E. Margaree—James G Ross, \$2.

Caleb Ross, 1.

Melvern Square—Mrs Amos B Falls, 50 cents.

New Glasgow—Rev P S McGregor, \$4.

Geo. A. McDonald, Sec'y.

In Memoriam.

MR. JAMES W. STEVENS,

whose death was noted in the *Messenger* a few weeks ago was a man of more than ordinary powers, of keen judgment concerning, and insight into, the affairs of men. This coupled with a high religious character, made him at once a worthy and respected member of the community in which he lived. He was born at Onslow, June 10th, 1803. Whilst he was yet at an early age his father removed to Forest Glen, on the Stewiacke, in the County of Colchester, being the first settler in this beautiful and fertile district. In 1832, after he had attained to manhood and become persuaded of the Bible truths as held by our people, he was baptized by the late Rev. Geo. Richardson. With his brother Jacob, (still living), he was the first person ever immersed on a profession of faith in Christ in Brookfield. He became a member of the then newly organized Baptist Church at Stewiacke, in which he was for many years an office-bearer. A few years ago he removed to Brookfield, united with the church and engaged in business. As a delegate to the Eastern Association, and the Convention, he has long been favourably known to the denomination. His liberality was well known, and his death was a severe blow to the little church here who will sadly miss both his contributions and his words of counsel. He was one of the first who began the agitation in favor of temperance, and during his long life he continued his efforts in behalf of sobriety and good order. Energetic and ever engaged in the active duties of life, he was a useful member of society, a faithful exponent of pure, Christian truths and doctrines, and one to whom many looked for advice. Whilst we mourn his departure from our midst, we revere his memory, and rejoice that he is now receiving his reward.—J. W. P.

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Lower Stewiacke, April 9, 1884. July 16.

Notices.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.

June 26, Coll., North River.....\$ 3 00
" 30, Mission Band, Kingston. 1 05
July 4, Miss Jemima Morse, N. 10 85
River Women's A. S.—F.M. 10 85
Emy Vale Church..... 9 50
North River Ch. instalment..... 14 00
St. Peter's Road Church..... 16 46
Fair View Church..... 15 23
Belmont Church..... 9 00
Montague Church..... 20 00
Tryon Church..... 45 00
Summerside Church..... 21 20
East Point W. M. S. F. M., (\$25 to constitute Mrs Kinley a life member)..... 35 00
Grand River Church, C.F. 21 00
Dundas Church..... 6 25
Bedouque Church..... 25 00
W.M.A.S. Tryon Ch, F.M. 42 52
Alexandra Church, C.F. 43 75
Uigg Church..... 21 33
Belfast Church..... 24 44
Mrs. Peter Stewart, South Lake, H. M., \$2.50, F. M., \$2.50..... 5 00
East Point Church..... 54 61
Miss Anna Scott, East Point, C.F., \$200. H. M., \$200..... 4 00
Cape Wolf..... 3 00
Knutsford..... 2 00
Miss Anna Scott, F. M. 2 00
Knutsford W.M.A.S. 11 50
W.M.A.S., East Point, per Anna Scott..... 2 00
Donald Kennedy, F.M. 1 00
July 15, Grand River, Bal..... 14 00

A. H. LAYERS,

Fin. Com for P. E. Island.

North River, P. E. I., July 16, 1884.

NOTE.—Some of our churches have contributed one dollar per member.

Others expect to reach this sum. As the books must close by August 5th, the brethren will please forward their moneys immediately, so that they may be credited to them this year.

Treasurers of Baptist Funds.

1. CONVENTION FUNDS:

Nova Scotia.—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.

Yarmouth.

New Brunswick. John March, Esq.,

St. John, N. B.

P. E. Island.—Rev. A. H. Layers,

Charlottetown.

2. HOME MISSION BOARD.—Rev. J. A. Gordon, Yarmouth.

3. FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.—Chas. F. Clinch, Clinch Mills, N. B., Treasurer.

John March, St. John, N. B., Secretary.

4. ACADIA COLLEGE AND HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.—X. Z. Chipman, Esq., Wolfville.

5. INFIRM MINISTERS' RELIEF AND AID FUND.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Halifax, N. S.

6. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.—Jno. W. Barry, Esq., Wolfville.

7. NOVA SCOTIA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY.—Mrs. M. R. Selden, Halifax.

Moneys Received.

H Hunter, 50c; A J Ledbetter, \$1;

C M Griffin, \$5; Rev J E Locke, \$1;

W C Smith, 50c; Mrs T M Bogg, 50c;

Mrs R Sanford, 75 c; A M Van Norden,

\$1; Rev W P Anderson, \$2; H M

Harris, \$4; J H Eaton, 50c; J N Foote,

\$2; Rev P S McGregor, \$1; M J Burn-

side, 50c; J Thomas, \$2; W Fanning, \$1.

Immense swarms of caterpillars have made their appearance in the mountainous districts of East Glamorganshire, causing great anxiety to the farmers.

In some localities the mountains have been fired for the purpose of destroying the pest, but the insects cover the ground in such numbers that all attempts at getting rid of them seem to be ineffectual. They are of a brown color, with black longitudinal stripes, and are about an inch and a half long.

The raising of carp has become very popular among gentlemen farmers and even among the owners of small country residences around the suburban part of Philadelphia. Almost every pretty little secluded place has its ponds stocked with carp. They are easy to get, as the United States Fish Commission supply them upon proper application.

Correction.—Miss Lalia A. King, the Secretary of the P. E. I. Central Board W. M. A. Societies, wishes to add to her report, published last week, that the Report of the Central Board was received from Miss Ada Hooper; also that Miss Mary McNeil, of Cavendish, is a member of the new Board.