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## Religious Intelligencer.

REV. JOSEPH McLEOD, EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1883.

—BY AN Act passed during the just closed session of the Local Legislature, women who are assessed enough are entitled to vote in civic and municipal elections.

—THE RUM MEN of Nova Scotia are giving strong opposition to Mr. Gaiton's liquor bill. The bill nor its mover could receive no more pronounced compliment; nor could there be stronger evidence than it is a much needed bill.

—TO MR. WELDON, M. P., St. John County, belongs the distinction of being the only New Brunswick member who voted that it was wrong to hang the wholesale murderer Riel. All the other N. B. M. P.'s voted that he deserved his fate.

—THE NEW BRUNSWICK Assembly has been dissolved, and writs have been issued for a general election. Nominations will take place on the 19th inst., polling on the 26th inst., and declaration on the 29th inst. The time is short. The agony will be soon over.

—THE HEALTH of the Princess of Wales is, evidently, in a very unsatisfactory condition. It is believed by many that consumption has marked her for its victim. There is universal regret at her ill-health, as she is, probably, the most popular woman in Great Britain.

—DO THE CHURCHES sometimes wonder why the Lord does not more quickly and fully answer the prayers which ask for more labourers? It might be well to consider whether the answer is withheld because the churches fail in their duty to those whom He has already sent.

—OF A MINISTER who had been her guest, a Christian lady said,—"The only thing that detracted from the pleasure we derived from his visit was the sharp criticisms of brother ministers."

It is an unchristian and even mean habit.

—YOU HAVE not yet given your heart and life to the Lord. And, probably, you think the reasons for delaying are quite satisfactory. Suppose the end of your life comes—and it may come any day. How much good will it do you then to think over the reasons for your neglect? What comfort will you have in recalling the dancing, the drinking, the revellies, the money-getting, the scepticisms, the independence, the hindering associations, any of which have kept you from being a Christian? Which will be better to have—such memories, or faith in Jesus enabling you to triumph over death and the grave?

—A WITTY writer in a Methodist exchange gives a fact from his experience as to the circulation of the denominational paper. He says: "I have found that our church paper cannot be circulated by the resolutions of the preachers; it requires 'The Acts of the Apostles.' The paper has been voted again and again into all the families of the Conference, and it takes work to put it there."

—THE INTELLIGENCER, while profoundly thankful for resolutions sympathetic, commendatory and commendatory,

will appreciate the "Acts of the Apostles" in its behalf.

—MANY young men think that to get an office in the public service is all they need. They make a serious mistake. For most young men the worst thing that could be done for them would be to put them in the civil service. The late Governor Seymour gave the following excellent advice to a young man who had applied to him for assistance in securing a place in a public office. Young men who are anxious for "places" should read it: "I never yet made or procured an appointment for a young man for one of the clerkships which did not in the end prove to be a great injury to him. I look back with regret to my action in this respect. If you get a place, in a little while chance will throw you out, and you will be in a condition worse than ever. Now is the time for you to get some employment which will be lasting, and in which you can become skillful, and where you will not be dependent upon others. Any duties which will give you your food and clothing are better for a young man than any of the places in the public departments."

—THE FORTY-SIXTH Report of the work carried on under the direction of George Muller has been issued. The results are thus summed up:

"Through God's special kindness, the Scriptural Knowledge Institution for Home and Abroad has been upheld to enter upon its fifty-second year. As time passed on we had, year after year, abundant cause for praise and thanksgiving, but rarely has this been the case more than during the past year. In this report the reader will find instance upon instance as to how our prayers have been answered." Commencing the year with a balance of \$2,500, no less than \$207,790 has been sent during the past twelve months to Mr. Muller. During the year more than 100,000 copies of Bibles, Testaments, and portions have been sold, or given away among the poor. The Sunday and day schools numbering eighty-five, entirely supported by the friends of the institution, are not only well sustained, but are enjoying much of the Divine blessing. More than ever has been done of late toward aiding missionary work, more than \$30,000 having been devoted to this object during the year. That the general education of the orphan is not a whit behind other similar institutions is seen by the inspector's report, which says: "As regards the boys, hundreds of them now have a business of their own, some are partners in large houses of business, a considerable number have become teachers, and many are preachers of the Gospel."

—THE FRIENDS of Rev. J. H. Erb will be pleased to hear that he has so far improved in health during his sojourn in Texas that he has been conducting revival meetings in one of the towns of the State. The *Floresville (Texas) Chronicle*, of March 18th, says:

Rev. J. H. Erb, a Canadian evangelist, assisted by Mr. A. N. Callaway, of San Antonio, have been holding revival services at the court-house in Floresville since last Friday night. The attendance at night has been good and the services have been interesting and instructive. Mr. Erb is an earnest, faithful, and zealous laborer in the Lord's vineyard, and a safe exponent of the Holy Scriptures. His exhortations have been earnestly and faithfully delivered, and his denunciation of sins in the church and out of it have been plain and unmistakable. So far, the visible results have not been such as we could wish, but doubtless much good has been done. Seeds of truth have been sown in our midst, the fruits of which eternity alone will reveal.

The Mr. Callaway who was with him is a business man, full of zeal for the salvation of his fellows.

The *Chronicle*, of the 25th March, gives further and more cheering particulars of the work. It says:

The revival meetings that have been held here at the court-house the past fourteen days are still in progress. The interest is still increasing. Some 12 or 15 conversions have been made and many have been reclaimed; the weak have been strengthened and now rejoice; barriers have been broken down, and brother and sister and rejoice together in the Lord. The spiritual outlook for Floresville is better than it has ever been. All denominations are working together in harmony in the Lord's vineyard. The salvation of souls has been the all-absorbing theme. Christ has been constantly presented as the only and all-sufficient Saviour. The Gospel has been preached in the beauty of its simplicity. Bro. Erb has greatly endeared himself to the people here and will always be held in high esteem for the glorious work he has been instrumental in accomplishing in our town. Bro. Erb has been ably seconded in his efforts by Bro. Callaway, whose zeal for the Master knows no bounds. The services will be continued to an indefinite period. Rev. Dr. Hackett is expected on to-day's train, from San Antonio, and will conduct the meeting to-night.

The same paper says Bro. Erb was to leave the town that day, the 25th. We are very glad to hear of his labours and the blessing attending them, and hope he has not overtaxed himself to the injury of his health.

—THE EVANGELISTS, Jones and Small, who are producing such an impression in Chicago, have until within a few days been inveterate users of

tobacco. Both of them are of Southern birth and training, and were almost if not altogether without conscience in the matter. They have, however, abandoned the bad habit. Mr. Small was first to do the good thing, the announcement concerning which was made by Mr. Jones thus:

"My good friends say the use of tobacco is a sin, and, therefore, I am happy to announce to the audience that before breakfast Sunday morning Brother Small put all of his stock in his hand, threw it on the grate, and burned the whole thing up. [Applause.] He has thrown it to the wind forever. He will never do that any more. I said to him: 'Have you quit to stay?' 'Yes,' says I: 'Old fellow, tell me why; won't you?' 'Well,' he said: 'Brother Jones, I didn't quit because I believed it was a sin; but they kept after me about it until I got resentful, and I said I won't perpetuate anything in my mind that will make me resentful toward people, and I have given it up forever.' As soon as I ever had that sort of a feeling in my heart I am going to give it up too. [Laughter and applause. Dr. Scudder saying: 'Give it up anyhow!'] Nothing shall stand between me and love to God and love to men. I would run over anything in earth or Heaven that would make me feel unkind toward any human being in this world. If anything harms you or hurts you, give it up. I believe Mr. Moody told the biggest truth of his life when he said a man who used tobacco could be a Christian, but he would be a nasty Christian."

At a subsequent service Mr. Jones announced his own abandonment of the habit. The announcement was received with great applause. Mr. Jones' statement was as follows:

"Down in my country I have never been in a soul's way that I know of. In a hundred different instances I have been notified that a habit that I was given to, is a stumbling block to souls in this city, and I want to say to this congregation to-night, from this day till we meet up in Heaven, you can tell this world that Sam Jones has got no habit that is a stumbling block to anybody. For your prayers and for your sympathy I am grateful, and if I don't do any good in Chicago, let Chicago thank God Almighty she has done the poor little pale Southern preacher some good for the balance of his life."

It is good that these two men, who are so evidently being blessed of God, have put away a habit which is filthy and wasteful, an occasion of grief to many Christians and of stumbling to not a few, and which is a pernicious example to the young.

## ANOTHER CALL.

We are greatly obliged to the friends of the INTELLIGENCER for the earnest efforts they have made in its behalf in the last few weeks. A good number of new names have been put on our books; and several brethren have said "there are more to follow." Then, we feel hopeful that the good words that have been said for the paper by ministers and others will bear fruit soon. Steady effort, we find from the reports that reach us, has effect and wins success in the work of circulating a religious paper as in everything else.

The usefulness of the paper is, of course, proportioned to its circulation. The larger the number of homes it enters the more the readers, and the more extended its influence. If what it bears to its readers is good, enlarging its circulation is simply multiplying its power to do good. We desire for the INTELLIGENCER the largest possible chance to do its work. It contains from week to week what every family which receives it is the better for reading. The same reading would do good to as many more, indeed to an indefinite number of families.

Especially every family connected with the Free Baptist congregations of these Provinces should have this paper. Unless they read it they know little or nothing of the Christian denomination with which they are connected. From many churches we are receiving from week to week news of conversions. These conversions represent many homes: and into every one of these homes the INTELLIGENCER should be introduced. The sooner the better. It is important that the new church members be well-informed about denominational work and about general Christian work. It is the INTELLIGENCER's work to furnish such information.

There are many hundreds of Free Baptist homes into which the denominational paper does not go. Ought this be so, brethren? We think we can hear an emphatic No! from every part of the field.

Will you co-operate with us in an endeavor to put it into these homes? We will do our part of it thus:

To every new subscriber sending one dollar we will furnish the paper till January 1st, 1887.

This offer is made only because we believe that the paper, once introduced, will be continued by a large proportion of those becoming acquainted with it. Will you help us, brethren of the ministry and all friends of the paper, by making known the above offer and soliciting new subscribers?

It has been suggested to us to ask the ministers to make Sunday, April

18th "INTELLIGENCER" DAY. Adopting the suggestion, we respectfully and earnestly request that on that day the ministers in both Provinces pray God to bless the paper and also make special mention of it to their congregations, setting forth its character and claims, and soliciting subscribers. Both before then and after, much can be done, and we trust will be; but we are sure that if every minister will give special attention to it on Sunday, 18th inst., a large increase of subscribers will result, and the influence of the paper be greatly extended. Brethren, give it the benefit of your prayers and influence.

## TEMPERANCE MATTERS.

The Bill providing additional enforcing machinery for the C. T. Act, which passed the Assembly with only four votes recorded against it, passed the Legislative Council without a dissenting voice. Last week we promised to give a fuller statement of the voting in the Assembly. There were, of course, as concerning all Bills, differences of opinion as to some of the sections, their wording and their possible effects. But on the main motion the House divided thus: For the Bill, Blair, Mitchell, Turner, McLeod, Hanington, Colter, Hetherington, Labillois, Wilson, Leighton, Ellis, Park, Stockton, Lewis, Hibbard, Perley, Baird, Humphrey, Morton, Birchill, Pugsley, Palmer, —22; against the Bill, Wetmore, Adams, McAdam and McManus. Of the members whose names are not recorded in the vote, Mr. Wheaton was in the Chair, Messrs. White and Flewelling had just taken their seats in the Legislative Council, Mr. Ritchie and perhaps one or two others were absent from the city on business, and the others whose names are not given were out of the House, either of carelessness or design. If any of those names are not mentioned were unavoidably absent from the vote we shall be glad to state the facts on being furnished with them.

Temperance men owe it to themselves and the great cause to forward which they are anxious, to mark well the votes of their representatives on this question. Men who are unwilling to provide machinery needed for the better enforcement of a temperance law which the people have in a constitutional way adopted, and who persistently oppose such laws, are not the men whom temperance voters may safely trust to represent them. However strong political party-feeling temperance men may have, they should never make the mistake of giving their support to the enemies of the great moral reform.

The section added to the Bill on the motion of Mr. Baird, providing for the appointment of Inspectors in counties which have not adopted the C. T. Act, will be appreciated in such counties.

It is the duty of the communities interested to take steps immediately to have the appointments made which the law provides for. Whether it can be done easily or with some difficulty depends on the composition of the councils which have the appointing power. Some councils may, because their counties have adopted the Act, assume, and very properly too, that it is the wish of the people to have the appointments made at once. Where this is not done, the people should petition to have it done. The whole matter rests with the people themselves. If their temperance feeling is strong enough they can have officers appointed to suit them. In some cases it may take a little time to accomplish it, but it can be done if the people will. We hope the friends of the law will take the necessary steps without delay.

The campaign for the adoption of the C. T. Act in St. John city and county is being carried forward with zeal. The time is short—less than a fortnight now—and both parties are doing their best. Whether the rummen will hold any public meetings has not yet transpired. Their experience in public meetings in the other campaign was not particularly pleasant; and they may be more prudent this time. On the other hand the temperance people have everything to gain by discussions; all the facts that appeal to reason and conscience and heart are on their side, and the more publicity given the better.

We are sorry to have to say that up to the time of this writing neither the *Telegraph* nor the *Globe* has declared in favour of the adoption of the Act. The *Sun* continues to argue with much force in its favour.

Mr. Ira Cornwall, Jr., commissioner at Colonial and Indian Exhibition for this province, writes us to say that he shall be pleased to have particulars of farms and other properties in this locality, for sale. He says he will use his best efforts to get purchasers and is willing to render any service in his power to persons visiting London during the exhibition.

## Denominational News.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

DONATION.—On the evening of the 16th March the friends of Rev. J. Wesley Clark met at the F. C. B. meeting-house, Tracy's Mills, for the purpose of making him a donation. On the meeting being called to order, Mr. C. A. West was elected to the chair, and Mr. P. Webb, secretary. The sum of \$78 was raised and in a neat and appropriate speech by the chairman was presented to the pastor, who replied feelingly, thanking the donors for this expression of kindness to him. Mr. Clark on coming to this field of labor was heartily received by all the people, and by his zealous labors holds a warm place in the hearts of all. The church has been very much blessed under his labors; wanderers have been reclaimed and sinners converted. We hope Mr. Clark may long remain with us.

## ONE PRESENT.

SALISBURY, W. Co.—Bro. James A. Porter writes (March 26) that he held five meetings in Dutch Valley with good prospect of success, but had to discontinue them on account of a heavy storm; he had the pleasure of visiting Bro. McDonald and attending two or three of his meetings; he was at Newtown Sunday, March 7th, and went to Salisbury on the 12th; he is engaged in special work there, and the Lord is present to bless; they had a visit from Bro. French who preached a good discourse; he expects to be engaged quarter of the time with Salisbury Church and the rest of the time with Dutch Valley, Newtown and Steeves Settlement.

On the 29th he writes that the work is progressing; an inquiry meeting on Friday was a grand success; at a special conference on Saturday three young men offered themselves for baptism; Bro. Grey, who was there on a visit, baptized them Sunday, and preached a grand sermon from Acts xi. 23; he expects to continue the meetings this week and thinks Bro. Grey will be with him; he intends to hold a series of meetings at Steeves Settlement.

DOVER, W. Co.—As Rev. F. Babcock is about to leave us for another field of labor, we would be glad to have a visit from any of our ministers with a view to an engagement as pastor. A young or middle-aged man would suit. His charge would include Dover, Taylor Village, Lutz Mountain and Victoria Road. The salary can be determined upon before the labor begins. The right man would be well supported. We are now on our way to the other churches of the circuit to find out exactly what amount can be raised.

Bro. Babcock leaves us carrying with him the best wishes of us all. We trust many rich blessings are in store for him and his amiable partner. To succeed him we trust God will send us a man equally determined to preach Christ. So we pray.

JAS. STEEVES,  
J. McFARLANE,  
Pastoral Com.

March 28th.

CASTALLA, GRAND MANAN.—The Lord is blessing our labors here. Old difficulties that have been in the way for years have been removed. The truth is having its way and God is getting glory. When I came I found some of the brethren and sisters holding on and contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and were anxiously waiting for some one to lead them. We are expecting greater results than we have yet seen. On Thursday 25th we had a day of fasting and prayer.

"God came down our souls to greet, And glory crowned the mercy-seat." And a good many could testify that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. The work is deep and thorough. Glory to God!

JOSEPH N. NOBLE.

March 27th.

NORTH HEAD, GRAND MANAN.—The revival in this place continues; 11 have been baptized and 13 added to the church. The work is deep and thorough; the church is being very much strengthened; and many backsliders are being reclaimed. We think the work will go on. Pray for us.

H. H. COSMAN.

W. M. MEETING.—Our Women's Mission Aid Society gave a missionary concert in the Free Baptist Church, Brown's Corner, Greenwich, King's Co., on March 24th. The exercises were as follows: recitations and readings, with music and singing by the choir, also an encouraging address from the chairman, Mr. Ezekiel Belyea. A special collection was taken for the benefit of the Foreign Mission amounting to \$4.50. Miss Maud Belyea presided at the organ.

Dear sisters, in view of past and

present blessings so freely bestowed upon us, are we doing all that we should for the mission cause? Warm-hearted Christian women should take this matter home, and ask the question, Am I doing all I can to promote Christ's kingdom, or am I neglecting one great duty? Answer this question by engaging zealously in our great work.

MRS. J. M. BELYEA,  
President.

March 27th.

FROM REV. C. F. RIDEOUT.—Since I last wrote I have been doing what I could for the Master. Bro. Thomas Kierstead has been in the first district laboring most of the winter. He held some meetings in a settlement called Egypt; the Lord blessed his labors, the people of God were revived and strengthened, wanderers were brought back, and sinners gave their hearts to God. I was with him a part of the time and baptized four converts, and Rev. John Gravinor baptized four others. Others are enquiring what they must do to be saved. The church in this place (Bumfrau) is working away to finish the meeting house. We had a basket supper last Wednesday evening; had a very good time and raised \$55.50 to help complete the house.

CHARLES F. RIDEOUT.

March 30.

UPPER HAMPSHIRE, Q. Co.—Good news is always encouraging; and as I have a little I send it along. The Lord is blessing the people of Upper Hampstead wonderfully. The church is much helped; difficulties of long standing have been removed, and those who for years have not taken any part in worship have come up again to the help of the Lord. Bro. Taylor came to us in the right time and with the right spirit, and has been a great help to me and the people. His sermons have been powerful and instructive. We took hold together and the Lord helped us and the people. After a few days Bro. Leonard Slipp came, and in his usual way of applying the word of the Lord, rendered valuable assistance and we could truly say "two is better than one and a three-fold cord is not quickly broken." We had but a few meetings before the people willingly began to come forward for prayer, and soon began to tell their desires; and very soon found peace in believing. Sunday the 21st I baptized three, and in the evening received them into the church. We continued holding meetings that week morning and evening until Friday; we then had a conference meeting, and a large number spoke of the Lord's dealing with them and of their love for Him; in that meeting 14 more came forward for baptism. Sunday morning by eight o'clock the people began to assemble and at half-past nine I stepped into the water and baptized 15; it was a solemn and joyful time to see the wife follow the husband and the sister the brother; many could say "glory to God in the highest." We then went to the meeting house and Bro. Slipp gave us one of his good scriptural discourses which was followed by myself, Bro. Taylor and Bro. Lewist (Baptist.) I then gave the right hand of fellowship to twenty, with one who was received back by vote; we then commemorated the Lord's death; it was a precious season. In the afternoon I went to Jerusalem to administer the sacrament to a sick brother, and in the evening we all met at Little River. Monday morning we went to Upper Hampstead and had a business meeting to appoint officers in the church; in the afternoon we had a social meeting; it was a precious season; two spoke for the first time; the Lord was present to help. In the evening we went to Little River again. This morning the Lord especially blessed us; several spoke for the first time. In the afternoon we came up to Upper Hampstead and baptized four more, making in all 22, and there are others yet to come. Pray for me that the Lord's work may still prosper in my hand, and that I may not outlive my usefulness.

J. NOBLE.

March 31.

PORTLAND.—The religious interest here in the F. C. B. Church still continues good. Three more converts have offered themselves for baptism and will go forward in that ordinance at the return of the pastor of the church. In the absence of the pastor I am trying as best I can to preach to the people. I trust my labor is not in vain. Pray for me that I may be divinely led.

LICENTIATE G. SWIM.

PENIAC, YORK CO.—Despite the unfavorable weather, the basket social and entertainment given at the Free Baptist Church, Peniac, on Wednesday evening last, was largely attended and a very successful one. The bidding on the baskets was lively, and the fair ones of Peniac were amply rewarded as their merits deserved. The amount realized was \$50, which is in-

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