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Religious Intelligencer.

REV. JOSEPH McLEOD, EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1886.

—THE EDITOR has been absent from his office for several weeks, which will account for any delays in attention to correspondence, etc. He is now at home again, and will mark off arrears of correspondence and other matters as rapidly as possible.

—WE HAD thought to have a report of the Nova Scotia Conference in time for this issue, but it has not yet come to hand. Probably it will be in time for next week's paper.

—HON. JNO. McMILLAN, for many years Post Office Inspector in New Brunswick, was a man generally esteemed, and his death is regretted by those who knew him. He was a painstaking and faithful public officer.

—THE UNIVERSITY of New Brunswick opened its Academic year of 1886-7 on Thursday. The Freshman class numbers twenty-three, including one young lady who intends taking the full course. Nine other young ladies passed the matriculating examination. The new class is said to be more than usually promising.

—IN AN address to a Conference the late Bishop Simpson said, "We should not only sustain our pastor in every possible way but we should be very particular never to unduly criticize him before our children, for it will cause them to lose confidence in him." Thousands of preachers have, without doubt, been deprived of their influence for good simply by the careless and disrespectful remarks of some member of their church.

—SOME PEOPLE, who believe themselves the best friends of temperance, are constantly and strongly urging "high license" as the best remedy for the drink evil. Well, their pet plan has been tried in various places, and it has not yet succeeded in effecting the end desired. It does not in the slightest diminish the number of drink places nor the quantity of drink sold. The latest testimony is furnished by Chicago's experience. It is trying the "high license" plan, and under its operations there are more licensed rumshops than ever before, and the work of debauchery goes on on a larger scale than ever.

—THE Canadian Baptist says wise words worthy of being heeded by all denominations, when it says that "to multiply a feeble ministry is to diminish the strength and usefulness of the churches. And, on the other hand, to starve or supply with a niggardly hand the necessities of a competent ministry, is to curtail its power and lessen its efficiency. Nothing cripples and impairs the usefulness of a generous and gifted minister more than pecuniary straits, with their attendant degradations. Better to have fewer churches and fewer ministers than to perpetuate a state of things which can only prove disastrous to both ministers and churches. It is in vain to expect competent men to remain with churches on incompetent salaries to meet the ordinary necessities of life."

—ACCORDING to reports the slums of London, Paris and New York are bad enough to make the heart sick.

But it would appear from recent statements that the slums of Berlin are even worse. *Das Echo* has just published some interesting details on the subject. There are about 40,000 houses in the Prussian capital. A small number are inhabited by one or two families, but the greater majority are divided into several distinct lodgings. Two thousand five hundred contain from 10 to 20 lodgings; 20,000 from 20 to 30 lodgings, and 10,000 over 30 lodgings each. Seventy-five thousand of these lodgings are composed of one room only, and inhabited by no fewer than 270,000 persons, which is an average of nearly four persons per room; 75,000 other lodgings are composed of two rooms and occupied by 260,000 inhabitants, while the remaining 20,000 lodgings are formed of three rooms, inhabited by 140,000 people. These figures will suffice to show the promiscuous way in which the masses of the Berlin population are lodged. The houses in the poor quarters, often five or six stories high, are built so close to one another that they are nearly totally devoid of both light and air.

—THOUGH LATE, owing to our absence, we must refer to the retirement of Rev. T. Watson Smith from the editorship of the *Wesleyan*. It was hoped that he would speedily recover from the illness that seized him during the session of Conference in June. We regret that the hopes of his friends have not been realized. Though he has improved somewhat, he did not feel able to undertake the onerous and responsible duties of the editorial office, and therefore pressed his resignation, which was accepted. For a number of years Bro. Smith had wrought with great wisdom and ability as the editor of the *Wesleyan*. Besides marked ability Bro. S. evinced a fine Christian spirit which made the paper always a welcome visitor in Christian homes and a helper in the Christian life. We are sorry that he has had even temporarily to retire from a work for which he was so admirably fitted. His labor, we are sure, has not been in vain. We trust that the rest he is taking may, with God's blessing, bring him back to strength again; and that in his retirement he may have the fullness of the Christian comforts of which he has so often been the messenger to others.

Rev. Dr. McMurray is his successor temporarily. Dr. McM. had much experience in the same place several years ago, and in it did good work.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

NO. III.

The history of the Canadian Pacific Railway is a part of the history of the Confederation of the British Provinces on this continent. When British Columbia came into the union one of the conditions was the building of a railroad connecting that province with the rest of the country. It was widely regarded as, at least, a foolish promise; some thought it much worse than foolish and quite impossible of fulfillment; many who believed the work could be done thought its cost would be greater than the country could afford; while others, conceding that it could and would be done, declared that when built there would not be traffic enough to pay running expenses.

But now all the questions of years concerning it, including the last mentioned, have been settled most satisfactorily. The contract made in 1881 required its completion in ten years; but in half the stipulated time the work was done and regular trains running from ocean to ocean. The most difficult parts—the Lake Superior section and the Rocky Mountain section—were not undertaken till 1885, and were completed within a year. One thing that strikes the traveller over the road is the character of the work—the thoroughness with which it has been done; it seems more like an old road which has been given its solid character by many years of careful attention than one which has just come from the hands of contractors. It was a gigantic undertaking and as such things go, it would not have been surprising if some of it had been but poorly done. It is, therefore, all the more gratifying to the country whose interests are so largely involved, as well as creditable to the company and those who have had the superintendence of the construction, that, while accomplished so expeditiously, everything has been so well and thoroughly done, that the great Canadian transcontinental highway is not only second to the other transcontinental roads, but is believed to be, in all the essentials of an attractive and successful road, superior to them. We must not omit to say, also, that in rolling stock the equipment of the whole line is most complete. Everything is of the best. The cars of all grades are the best of their kind, having conveniences and comforts not to be found on most railroads. The whole service of the

road is thoroughly organized and seems in every detail to be as near the ideal railroad service as can be. The employees are, for the most part, young men; they are intelligent, energetic and careful, and ready to contribute each his part to the comfort and pleasure of the patrons of the road.

From Quebec—the Atlantic terminus—to Port Moody, at present the Pacific terminus—is traversed in six days. But the present rate of speed is much slower than it will be; it is simply an experimental gait. It is proposed to soon reduce the time of the trips to five days, and later to four days. The people out here have a way of speaking of Quebec and Port Moody as "stations," much the same as they speak of the principal places—Winnipeg, Ottawa and others—between the oceans; they regard Liverpool and Hong Kong as the termini proper. With a line of steamers running regularly between China and the Pacific end of the road, which they confidently expect, they are not wrong in calling the places named the real termini. There is every reason to believe that the British Government sees the importance and advantage, commercially and otherwise, of the route, and there is almost absolute certainty that such a line of steamers will be liberally subsidized at an early day. The shortest route, by at least a fortnight, between China and Great Britain, will then be via the C. P. R., which will place it beyond successful competition as the route for passengers, mails and at least all the lighter freights.

THE DIVINE TEST.

REV. C. F. PENNEY, D. D.

The divine test which places a man on the Lord's side and among the friends of Christ is so simple that no one need perplex himself a moment concerning it. It is like the Gospel, easy to comprehend, and rests on that single word—obedience. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John xv. 14). Concerning this obedience it may be said that it is active in its nature. The word is not feel but "do." Many persons seem to prefer a mysterious test rather than an open one. But nothing is plainer than that our Lord demands a life—not an "experience" only. That, after all, is the real test of one's love to God; and it is the test which costs more than any other.

This obedience is universal in its reach. A great word is that "whatsoever" so often commented upon. "It should not be forgotten that 'whosoever' is just as far-reaching a term. Duty always matches privilege under the Gospel. Christ does not say 'some things' that I command you. Duty does not touch one relation of life but all. It goes into the home—on the street. It reaches every labor and every profession.

This obedience which is made by our Lord the test of friendship is submissive in its temper. It is the Lord himself whom we serve. And just as love delights itself in difficult tasks and counts itself happy thus to show how much it loves; so the difficult "whatsoevers," the difficult duties, will be sweeter to the whole, than the convenient and tasteful—as giving better proof of our friendship and love for the Divine Lover of our souls. Missionaries tell us that the Koras call the Bible, "Royn Sook," i. e., the "Volume of Command." There can be no lovelier sign and test of a true child of God than that of loving submissive obedience.

Two boys stood looking at a toy boat on a little pond. The boat had drifted some distance from the shore, and the question was how to get it. "Wade in, Jim," said the bigger boy, "I've been in after it every time before, and it is your turn now; water ain't over ankle deep." "I dare not," says little Jim, "I'll carry it home for you, but I can't go in there; as you told me not to." "Who is she?" "My mother?" says little Jim, softly. "Your mother? Why I thought she was dead!" said the bigger boy. "Yes, but that was before she died. Eddie and I used to come here and sail boats, and she never let us come, unless we had strings enough to haul it in with. I'm not afraid, you know that, only she didn't want me to and I can't do it." Blessed is that submissive love which "will not," because He says nay—which will, because He says do.

ALLIANCE MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Queens County Prohibitory Alliance will be held at Upper Jemseg, on Thursday, Sept. 30th, inst., at 2 P. M.

THE statement of the Government Savings Bank shows that at the end of the fiscal year, the deposits amounted to \$20,014,457, being an increase over the amount on deposit 30th June, 1885, of \$125,922.

A GAMBLING CHURCH.

Some Protestant bodies have sometimes been guilty of resort to questionable means to raise funds. But it is the Roman Catholic church which habitually carries on gambling, often on a large scale. It persistently defies the law of the country, not to say anything of its violation of God's law.

A lottery on a large scale, and yielding a considerable gain to "the church," has been carried on in Yarmouth. The *Presbyterian Witness* deals with the affair in this pointed way:

A most venerable Patron of Lotteries is the Right Reverend Father in God, Archbishop Cornelius O'Brien of Halifax. A sale and lottery, a wheel of fortune, with blanks and prizes, a regular gambling affair, established at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, won for the church some \$3,000,—and the Archbishop of Halifax was one of the winning "sports" on the solemn occasion. No doubt His grace gambled for the greater glory of God. Others have done the like before, and will probably do the like again.

The Free Masons are a shocking lot of people against whom the loud, hot curses of the Pope and his subordinates have been hurled in showers for centuries. Yet the wicked "Masons" have been known only once to embark in a big lottery. But the Archbishop has improved upon their example. It is right, seemingly, to learn from the enemy!

Now in all seriousness we think it is nothing less than a flagrant scandal that teachers of morality, men professing Godliness, men claiming to belong to the only true Church, should thus trifle with the laws of God and man, and set an example most destructive to the young, most encouraging to blacklegs.

Have not these most reverend patrons of the lottery read of the gambling hell in Europe, where not a week passes without its tale of suicide and murder? Do they wish to introduce evil habits among a comparatively virtuous people? We are sure they do not. We are sure that Archbishop O'Brien and the Yarmouth priest and their associates in this immoral business do not realize the evil they are doing. There seems to be an epidemic of gambling, ruinous to thousands otherwise sensible, soberminded people; and the clerics to whom we have referred are doing their best to spread a dangerous moral disease.

Turn for a moment to the law of the land. In our Revised Statutes we find gambling very properly classified with cursing, swearing, drunkenness, incest, the keeping of vile houses, and it is provided that "Whoever shall undertake or set up or shall by writing or printing publish the undertaking or setting up of any lottery or raffle for money or goods with intent to have such lottery or raffle drawn or thrown or to induce persons to purchase tickets or to give money or other valuables for any such lottery or raffle, or shall play, throw or draw at any such lottery or raffle or shall take part in any such raffle, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding forty dollars, and in default of payment shall be committed to jail for a period not exceeding thirty days."

Now we regret that any minister of religion should place himself in the same category with gamblers and other lawbreakers and should be so oblivious to the indecency of the thing, so morally obtuse, as to permit the offence being paraded in the public prints.

This moral obtuseness evidently arises from an undue eagerness to secure money for building a church. The end sanctifies the means. God will be delighted with the new Roman Catholic Church that will adorn the town of Yarmouth although souls have been led into the way of perdition by the lottery which the spiritual guides of the people have instituted and patronized! Yes, God needs our gambling and our lotteries, our palterings with morality, to maintain His kingdom on earth!

In all seriousness we think that Archbishop O'Brien and his Yarmouth priest owe an apology, very sincere and ample, to the people of Yarmouth and of Nova Scotia for the flagrant offence which they have committed. The Chief of Police sends his officers to break up gambling dens; the Archbishop and his priest establish a gambling den in the House of God!

Denominational News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

SEVENTH DISTRICT W. M. SOCIETY.—As many of the friends of the Woman's Auxiliary Foreign Mission Aid Society of the Seventh District had not the privilege of attending the Annual Meeting, a brief sketch of the work done during the year and the proceedings of that Meeting may be of interest to them. The regular meeting of the Society convened at three o'clock on Saturday, the 21st of August. In the absence of the president and vice-president, it was found necessary to elect some one to fill that office. The choice fell upon Mrs. J. Smith, of St. John, who was elected president, *pro tem.*, and proceeded to take the chair, fulfilling the duties of her position during the several sessions in a very graceful and acceptable manner. The Secretary's report read at this meeting showed that in the whole District, comprising twelve churches, there were but five auxiliary societies, a state of things greatly to be deplored by those interested in the advancement of the Gospel of Christ among the heathen nations of the earth. However, those societies in existence—namely, Carleton, St. John, North Head, Wilson's Beach, and Fair Haven—have done well during the year. And while the number of societies are few the amount of money raised in the District compares quite favorably with some of the larger Districts. As the constitu-

tion adopted by the Society at its last annual meeting provides for the appointment of vice-presidents in churches where no auxiliary society exists, that duty was proceeded with after the adoption of the Secretary's report; but, owing to the absence of some and the lateness of the hour, the meeting adjourned to hold the public meeting at seven, P. M. Promptly at that hour, the church was crowded and a few minutes thereafter the exercises of the evening commenced. The President gave out as the opening hymn, "Ye Christian heroes, go proclaim," and read the one hundred and forty-fifth Psalm, after which Rev. J. W. Halse engaged in prayer.

The Secretary of the District then followed with a few remarks concerning the work done during the year, and the object and aims of the District Society. The President then called upon W. Peters, Esq., who, in a very pleasant speech, introduced to the meeting Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, who are preparing to go to India this fall under the auspices of the Parent Society. Those present listened with deep interest, while they spoke of their call to the Foreign Mission work, and how the Lord had led them to devote their lives unreservedly to His service. The other speakers of the evening were Revs. G. A. Hartley, J. E. Reid, J. N. Barnes and Dr. Musgrave, all of whom gave much valuable and practical information and advice on the different phases of the question to which they referred. During the exercises the choir sang "Rescue the Perishing" and at the close a collection was taken, amounting to seventeen dollars and seventy-three cents. But as it was a union meeting this was divided and half of the amount was paid to the Treasurer of the Parent Society. After the benediction was pronounced the congregation dispersed, all, we doubt not, being satisfied that a very profitable and enjoyable evening had been spent. According to adjournment, met again on Monday afternoon. The first business attended to was the election of officers. On the vote being taken it was unanimously decided that the officers of last year remain, namely, Mrs. E. Cosman, of St. John, President; Lydia J. Fullerton, of Carleton, Secretary-Treasurer. After which the Vice-Presidents were elected for those churches that had not been attended to during the session of Saturday. At the close of this meeting two auxiliaries were organized, one at Beaver Harbor, the place of holding the Annual Meeting, and the other in the church at Castalia, Grand Manan. As there was quite a number of ladies from the latter place they thought it well to organize at once. The churches in which there are no auxiliaries and consequently in which Vice-Presidents were appointed are as follows: Portland, Mrs. J. Duப்பு; North Roads, Miss Sarah A. Calder; Chocolate Cove, Mrs. J. W. Cummings; Seal Cove, Mrs. H. Harvey; White Head, Mrs. Robertson. The amount of money raised by the District including that received from collection of public meeting was one hundred and twenty-six dollars and nine cents (\$126.09): Carleton, \$37.51; St. John, \$29.78; North Head, \$34.75; Wilson's Beach, \$10.75; Fair Haven, \$4.44; one-half collected at public meeting, \$8.86. While this amount is slightly less than last year, taking every thing into consideration, the District never was in such good working order as at the present, and should the enthusiasm evinced at the Annual Meeting continue, the prospects of the future are bright indeed. Com.

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING.—The Annual Meeting of the Third District was held at Millville, York Co., on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The Conference at 10 A. M., Wednesday was a season of interest and profit. It was largely attended. The first business meeting opened at 2 P. M., Rev. Wm. Kinghorn in the chair. Rev. Wm. Downey was appointed clerk, *pro tem.* The following ministers were present: Revs. Wm. Kinghorn, Dr. McLeod, J. E. Reid, A. H. Trafton, J. W. Clark, B. Trafton, B. Colpitts, G. T. Hartley, C. T. Phillips, J. S. Jones and W. Downey, and Licentiate S. A. Baker and J. N. Noble. Reports were made by eighteen churches, all of which were represented by delegates. The reports were referred to a committee to summarize their contents. Revs. C. T. Phillips and J. E. Reid made interesting speeches based on the condition and need of the churches as shown in the reports. At 7 P. M. a large audience assembled to hear Rev. C. T. Phillips preach. Taking the story of the man with the withered hand for a text, he taught useful lessons to Christians. At 8 A. M., Thursday, business was resumed. Rev. A. H. Trafton was elected chairman. Delegates to General Conference were appointed. Resolved, That the District H. M. Executive be instructed to expend the money in hand as they may deem best. Resolved, That the branch church at Lower Woodstock (Benton Ridge) be recommended to organize as an independent church. The meeting went into Committee on Licentiate. Rising, the Committee reported, recommending that license be given to Bro. S. A. Baker, which was done. Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the District Meeting be given the people of Millville for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members and visitors. The committee on church reports presented a summary of their statistical and other statements. The total members reported was 1,614; additions by baptism, 76; 17 Sabbath-Schools; money raised (exclusive of W. F. M. Society) \$3,525.38. The report suggested a revision of church records. The report, with suggestions, was adopted. The following resolution was unanimously passed: "Whereas, God has, we believe, in answer to prayer, given to this denomination Bro. and Sister Boyer as our missionaries to

the foreign field.—Therefore resolved, that we heartily endorse the action of the Foreign Mission Executive, and pledge ourselves to do all we can by prayers, sympathies, and means, in their support. A Foreign Mission meeting was held at 11 A. M., Thursday. Rev. C. T. Phillips presided. Bro. and Sister Boyer made excellent addresses. The congregation was edified and impressed. A good collection was taken. A social meeting was held in the afternoon, and in the evening Rev. G. T. Hartley preached. The next meeting of the District will be held in Lower Prince William in September, 1887.

WM. DOWNEY,
Clerk, *pro tem.*

REV. R. FRENCH.—During the editor's absence a letter from Bro. French, giving an account of a visit he made up river in July, came to the office, but failed to get insertion. It is, of course, now too late to print it. We may state, however, that in it Bro. F. tells of the pleasure he had in Fredericton, Woodstock, at Bro. Perry's, and in meeting the ministers and other Christian friends at District Meetings and elsewhere, and of the kindness received wherever he went.

CARLETON.—Last Lord's Day the pastor of this church baptized four persons—a husband and wife and a mother and daughter,—and received them into the church in the evening.

HOMES.—The usual list of names and homes provided for the members of General Conference will be published next week. H.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

—About one-fifth of the population of Philadelphia is said to be enrolled in its Sunday-schools.

—According to the estimate of the Dean of Westminster, one-fifth of the whole population of England and Wales are in Sunday-schools—that is, there are 600,000 teachers and 5,200,000 scholars.

—The N. B. Provincial S. S. Association held its Annual Session in Fredericton on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The attendance was much larger than ever before, and the proceedings throughout were of marked interest. The following abstract of the report of the Corresponding Secretary shows the state of the Sunday-school work connected with the Association:

Albert—19 schools, 148 officers and teachers, 1,054 scholars, 64 received into church from Sunday-school, \$190.70 expended for support of schools;

Carleton—96 schools, 617 officers and teachers, 4,429 scholars, 117 received into church, \$1,052.23 expended for support of Sunday-schools;

Charlotte—76 schools, 531 officers and teachers, 3,969 scholars, 125 received into church, \$838.52 expended for support of Sunday-schools;

Gloucester—(no report);

Kent—7 schools, 40 officers and teachers, 309 scholars, 16 received into church, \$56.00 expended for support of Sunday-schools;

Kings—111 schools, 720 officers and teachers, 4,786 scholars, 78 received into church, \$325.69 expended for support of schools;

Northumberland—29 schools, 182 officers and teachers, 1,827 scholars, 35 received into church, \$241.08 expended for support of schools;

Queens—14 schools, 37 officers and teachers, 311 scholars;

Restigouche—22 schools, 124 officers and teachers, 812 scholars, 27 received into church, \$193.26 expended for support of Sunday-schools;

St. John—34 schools, 615 officers and teachers, 5,548 scholars, 279 received into church, \$2,660.63 expended for support of schools;

Sunbury—24 schools, 89 officers and teachers, 764 scholars, 6 received into church, \$151.91 expended for support of Sunday-schools;

Westmorland—60 schools, 232 officers and teachers, 2,176 scholars, 76 received into church, \$1,152.68 expended for support of schools;

York—67 schools, 488 officers and teachers, 3,346 scholars, 63 received into church, \$769.75 expended for support of schools.

Victoria (Returns incomplete) 25 schools, 145 officers and teachers, 875 scholars.

TOTALS FOR PROVINCE.

No. of schools	584
Officers and teachers	3,968
Scholars	29,705
Total membership	33,564
Average attendance	20,163
Received into church	876
Total amount col. for missions	\$2,231.52
Amount expended for support of Sunday-schools	\$7,624.45

As compared with last year's report the number of schools is increased 101, and the number of scholars show an increase of 3,589.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—One thousand converts have been gathered into Protestant churches in Rome within ten years.

—Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, son of the great preacher, seems to be a chip off the old block. A new tabernacle, capable of seating two thousand persons, has just been dedicated for him in Auckland.

—There are 23,000,000 of people in the Punjab among whom there was no Christian effort made till 1870; but so numerous are the Christians