

Halifax Letter.

It is estimated that about 20,000 visitors came to the city to witness the various things of interest in the Halifax summer carnival. Large numbers of people thronged the city in every direction, so many were the attractions throughout the city. But yet, in the midst of worldly magnificence and enthusiasm, which was perhaps greater in attractiveness at that time than at any other in the history of Halifax, the spirit of christianity modified the extravagance usually connected with the world and its pleasures. The dividing line was drawn and could be readily seen, for drawing exhibitions, illuminations, garden concerts, etc. which, of course, were patronized by the people whose only delight is found in such places, the prayer meetings, which are ever a place of interest to the faithful, had those in them whose greater delight is spiritual enjoyment. Although privileged to be present at all that was to be seen in the city, only two or three things came under my notice. The procession was grand, the harbour illumination was magnificent, the fight between land and naval forces was inspiring; these with other attractions formed an event which many regarded the greatest known in the history of Halifax and one long to be remembered. The end came when the evening shades of Saturday began to fall, and the "Royal Standards and Union Jacks," which had added splendour to the trimming of streets and buildings, began to be lowered from their honoured elevations.

On Sunday as we make our exit from the house to the streets, which for a few days previous had been made to resemble the trimmings of a dry goods or fancy store by flags, Japanese lanterns, mercantile displays, etc., now presented quite a different aspect, speaking the limit of all earthly pomp. From the depot on the north to the Point Pleasant on the south, and from the harbour on the east to the Commons on the west could be heard the chiming of the grand Cathedral, the ringing of the church bells, the beating of the S. A. drums, the melody of the Church Army songs, and multitudes might be seen in every direction wending their way to the Courts of the Lord represented by various places and modes of worship. As I reflected upon the ringing bells, the beating drums, the singing, and the large number of people, eternity with all its realities came impressively upon me.

The writer had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Rev. A. G. Jones, and also had the privilege of occupying the pulpit in his church Sunday evening. Mr. Jones is loved and respected by all, and has won the confidence of the high and low, the rich and poor by his manly, genial and christian character. His work in Halifax only goes to prove the consecrated heart and sacrificing spirit which always meets with success.

My visit to Halifax, and the meeting with friends whose acquaintance I formed previous to my leaving for study, was pleasant indeed, and the change, as I already feel, has been beneficial. May God bless Bro. Jones and prosper him in the work he has undertaken in Halifax.

E. S. PARKER.

General Religious News.

—There are sixteen Baptist Churches in Mexico.

—The number of churches burned last year in the United States was 182.

—The average salary of the 600 Protestant ministers in France is only \$360 a year.

—There are thirty or more Congregational churches in Connecticut without pastors.

—Fernando de la Rocha, a Roman Catholic priest near the city of Mexico, has been converted and has joined the Methodist Episcopal Church on probation.

—In the sixty-five years of its existence the American Sunday-school Union has organized more than 84,000 Sunday-schools and gathered in 4,000,000 scholars. It has been organizing on an average four Sunday-schools every day.

—A new form of religious activity has been developed by Captain Bundy, of Chicago. He has built a steam yacht in which he cruises about our great lakes, holding religious services at the towns on their shores.

—The Icelanders are numerous enough in this country and Canada to maintain a distinct and vigorous religious organization of their own. It is called the Icelandic Lutheran Church of America, consists of twenty-two congregations, and has just held its fifth annual conference at Argyle in Manitoba.

—Evangelical Christianity is making some advance in Spain. There are at present 112 Protestant chapels and school-houses, 111 parochial schools

with 61 male and 78 female teachers, 2,545 boys and 2,005 girls; also 80 Sunday-schools with 183 helpers and 3,231 scholars. The churches are ministered to by 56 pastors and 35 evangelists. The number of regular attendants is 9,164; communicants, 3,442. The most eminent of these devoted Protestant missionaries in Spain is Fiedner, a German. He reports a steady progress on all sides.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

REV. GIDEON SWIM went to Nova Scotia last week to visit his aged father. Mrs. Swim accompanied him. They will be absent about three weeks.

ST. JOHN.—At a meeting of the congregation of Waterloo street Free Baptist church, last night, (Wednesday) to appoint delegates to the district meeting to be held in this city on Saturday, and to consider the selection of a pastor for the year, it was resolved, after considerable discussion, to extend an unanimous call to the Rev. J. T. Parsons.—Sun.

CARLETON.—The children of the Sunday school of the Carleton F. C. Baptist church held a sale of useful and fancy articles on the grounds of Ald. A. C. Smith, Wednesday afternoon. The collection of useful and fancy articles found a ready sale, and the refreshment table was well patronized by the large number of visitors present. A very pleasant afternoon was spent and a good sum was realized in aid of foreign missions.—Globe.

UPPER GAGETOWN.—The Golden Rule Mission Band, formerly the "Mite Society," has gone to work in right earnest. An autograph crib-quilt for the purpose of raising money for the Foreign Mission. We purpose sending the quilt to our missionary's baby, Bessie Boyer, who we hope may be our missionary some day. All the names to be in indelible ink on the quilt, with the amount given, which we will duly acknowledge. And now we ask all the friends of little Bessie to send their names, for it will be so nice for her to look at the names of her many friends when she cannot sleep well on account of the terrible heat in that hot country. Of course we will make a quilt as possible. Oh dear! there will, we suppose, be so many names that it will have to be as big as a carpet; but we can write names on the lining also. Please dear Mission Bands, Sunday Schools, and all Missionary workers remember that the address of our Corresponding Secretary is Mrs. F. McMullen, Upper Gagetown. Postage stamps will be taken. We have a number of names already from Boston and other places, but there were no room for many more, and we want a great many Reverends and Doctors' names to complete the looks of it. So friends help us all you can. Our Band has chosen the motto "The Golden Rule." Please publish this for your little readers, the

GOLDEN-RULE MISSION BAND.

Temperance Notes.

—The farmer who is almost in spasms because dry weather or something else is hurting his cotton, seems to be easy enough concerning the bar-room that is ruining his boy. You!

—"I can't trust you," said a rum-seller to an impoverished customer. "You should let liquor alone; if you hadn't drunk so much of it, you might now be riding in your own carriage. And if you hadn't sold it," retorted the victim, "you might have been my driver."

—Mr. Simmons, governor of Canterbury Prison, is authority for the following: "The number of prisoners who have been committed to the prison with which I have been connected during the last ten years amounts to twenty-two thousand. Among them, I have come in contact with ministers of the gospel, numbers of persons who were once members of Christian churches, as also children of pious parents; but I never met with a prisoner who was a teetotaler. From the experience I have had, I calculate that from ninety to ninety-two per cent. of all crimes are committed through taking intoxicating drinks, in a direct or indirect manner."

—The Temperance cause is moving slowly but surely in Great Britain, says the Christian.

That a very wide-spread desire exists for the Sunday Closing of Public-houses is evident from the fact that no less than 2,258 petitions in its favour have been presented at the House of Commons. These represent a total of over 517,000 signatures, of which number the monster petition of the Salvation Army (which was about three miles long) contained 300,000. It may be contended that these are not necessarily "influential" signatures, but they are, at any rate, the signatures of the masses, who will most of all be affected by the measure, and the fact that they, of all classes, desire it, is a strong argument in its favour.

A new candle has been brought out, which extinguishes itself in an hour. This it does by means of a tiny extinguisher of tin, which is fastened in the wax by wires, and which effectually performs its task. It is only necessary to remove this diminutive extinguisher when its work is done, and the candle is again ready to burn another hour.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—Rev. Dr. Bayes of Cincinnati, editor of the Western Christian Advocate (Methodist) died a few days ago. He had been suffering from a carbuncle several weeks.

THE SEMINARY.—The teaching staff of the Seminary at St. Martin's is as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Principal, Ethics, Evidences of Christianity, Bible Study.

Rev. W. H. Warren, M. A., Classics and History.

Maud Wilkinson, B. A., Modern Languages and Science.

James H. Trefry, B. A., Mathematics.

Ida E. McLeod, (Graduate Acadia Seminary), English Language and Literature.

Annie Vaughan, (New England Conservatory of Music), Instrumental Music.

Ralph A. March, (New England Conservatory of Music) Vocal Culture.

John C. Miles, A. R. C. A., Drawing and Painting (oils and water).

S. Jenny Hopper, China Painting and Decorative Art.

Sarah J. Fatten, (Monro College), Elocution.

A PLEASANT TRIP.—We have a letter from Mr. James W. Boyer, of Victoria Corner, C. Co., written in London, England. It must have been much delayed en route. Bro. Boyer was in attendance at the World's S. S. Convention, which opened in London July 1st. He visited several parts of England, was in Paris at the World's Exposition. He intended at the time of writing to go to Scotland and also to Ireland, and we presume went. Bro. B. has evidently had a very enjoyable trip. He was to sail from Liverpool on the 8th inst., and is probably now at home.

Y MCA CONVENTION.—The twenty-first annual Convention of the Y. M. C. Association of the Maritime Provinces met in Moncton last Thursday. The report of the Executive Committee showed thirty-four Associations—22 in N. S., 10 in N. B., and 2 in P. E. I. Four of them are College Associations. The following are the officers of the Convention for the year:

President—F. B. Robb, Amherst.

Vice-presidents—H. Primrose, Picton; J. C. Mackintosh, Halifax; Harvey Graham, New Glasgow; Capt. J. E. Masters, Moncton; H. H. Distin, St. John; Prof. A. E. Mellish, Charlottetown.

Secretary—Geo. McDonald, New Glasgow.

Assistant secretary—F. G. Marshall, Truro.

A number of subjects bearing on christian life and work, and particularly interesting to Y. M. C. A.'s, were discussed. The session seems to have been a good one. The late John A. McLean, of Halifax, who for so many years was a leading man in the work, was much missed.

THE BOYS.—Years ago Mr. John A. Breckenridge defended a prisoner on trial for murder in the State of Indiana. His address to the jury was eloquent and powerful, deeply impressing all who heard it. At the close an awkward, raw-looking lad approached the eloquent counsel and offered to shake hands with him by way of congratulation on his oratorical triumph. The lawyer turned scornfully away and refused the proffered hand. Thirty years afterward that boy became President of the United States, and meeting Breckenridge in Washington, thanked him for the speech. The lawyer this time received the thanks, it may be supposed, with feelings of shame, for the rough, Western boy had become Abraham Lincoln. Snubbing boys is a dangerous business. Nobody can tell what a clever boy may become in this country. How Lincoln must have enjoyed thanking that man? But who would care to feel as Breckenridge must have felt? The incident has a moral for that unfortunately large class of men who think boys have no feelings.

MR. GLADSTONE'S habits of life are very simple, although busy. He rises about 6.30 o'clock, breakfasts on bacon and eggs or a little fish and tea, and then goes to his library to skim over the newspapers. From 9 to 1 o'clock he receives callers. A light lunch follows, and then he is driven directly to Parliament. He usually dines quietly at home at 7.30 in the evening, the food being simple and the wines light, and then he returns to the House. Unless there is to be an important division, he is at home and in bed by 11 o'clock. Mr. Gladstone has a fondness for his old clothes, and when new ones are bought for him his wife has to resort to diplomacy to make him wear them. When he speaks in the House he loosens his collar, turns up his wristbands, and unbuttons his waistcoat, his gestures becoming exceedingly vigorous as he warms up.

SUNDRIES.—Tennyson is 80 years old.....The total loss of life by the flood at Johnston was 6,111.....Kansas will produce an enormous crop of peanuts this fall.....A strange and fatal disease has appeared in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Victims fall in the street, vomit foam and blood and die.....Suicide among German officers increases shockingly. During May twenty-three shot themselves and the number for June was larger still.....The latest estimate of the salmon pack on the Columbia river is 320,000 cases about 40,000 less than last year.....The C. P. R. management is arranging to make faster time between Montreal and St. John, intending to reduce the time from 18 hours, as at present, to 15 hours.....The I. C. R. will probably reduce the time between St. John and Halifax.....Alaska, with its islands, is said to have a coast line of 25,000 miles.....There are 14,247 policemen in London.....It is said that the Duke of Fife declines to permit his wife, Princess Louise of Wales, to accept any share of the Parliamentary grant to the Royal family.....Four thousand persons are said to have visited the Camp Meetings of the Methodists recently held at Berwick, N. S.

The throne on which the Shah of Persia sits at Teheran is composed almost entirely of precious stones. It is valued at \$30,000,000.

"Mamma," said a little five-year-old, as his mother was giving him a bath, "be sure and wipe me dry, so I won't rust."

The multiplication of 987,654,321 by 45 gives 44,444,444,445. Reversing the order and multiplying 123,456,789 by 45, a result equally odd is obtained, 5,555,555,505.

Literary Notes.

The Missionary Review of the World for September is up to the Standard of this live Review. "The Waldensians and their Bi-Centennial" is a fine paper, and is in time to remind us of the celebration of their 200th anniversary which is celebrated this month. "Buddhist Doctrine of Salvation by Faith," is a valuable contribution to the literature of Buddhism. The articles on Prayer and the Ministry of Money, Korea and her Religions, Missions among the Jews as well as Starbuck's translations from foreign magazines, all furnish timely information. The other departments of the Review are crowded with Intelligence, Correspondence, brief articles, Monthly Concert matter, Editorial Notes. Reports of Missionary Societies, tables of Statistics, and condensed items of information from the world-field—the whole tenor of which is informing and inspiring.

Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2 per year; 25 cents for single numbers. In clubs of ten, \$1.50.

The Rev. John F. Hurst, D. D., will give, in Harper's Magazine for September, an account of the little religious community which Dean Stanley once called "the oldest and smallest sect in the world." This body of sectarians, numbering about one hundred and fifty souls, is to be found in the heart of the small city of Nablus, in North Palestine. They possess what they claim to be the most ancient copy of the Pentateuch.

Denominational Notices.

SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING. The Seventh District meeting will be held with the church, Waterloo Street, Saint John, commencing on Saturday the 24th day of August, 10 o'clock a. m. The churches of the District will be particular to have their reports forwarded and see that their delegates attend.

WM. PETERS, Clerk.

ST. JOHN, July 25, 1889.

P. S.—Will the several churches see to it that the Conference fund is forwarded. Twenty-five cents from each member is a small matter for each individual but would make a fund that would give large chances to help forward the work of the denomination.

W. P.

DISTRICT MEETINGS. Third District Meeting to be held with the Church at Nashwaak, on the third Wednesday in September, 1889. Ministers to attend, Revs. W. H. Perry, G. A. Hartley, C. F. Rideout, and G. F. Currie.

Fourth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Upper Gagetown, on the second Saturday in September, 1889. Ministers to attend, Revs. Dr. McLeod, G. F. Currie, J. G. McKenzie, O. N. Mott, J. N. Barnes, and F. Babcock.

Seventh District Meeting to be held with the Church, Waterloo Street, Saint John, on the fourth Saturday in August, 1889. Ministers to attend, Revs. J. Noble, J. W. Clark, A. C. Thompson, Dr. McLeod, and Wm. Downey to preach the annual sermon.

NOTICE.

The next session of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting will be held (D. V.) with the Free Baptist church at Sanford, N. S., commencing on third Saturday in August next, at 2 o'clock p. m.

J. W. FREEMAN, Q. M. Clerk.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

The next annual session of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist General Conference (D. V.) will be held with the First Free Baptist Church of Larrington, Shelburne Co., beginning Thursday, September 12th, 1889, at 10 o'clock, a. m. It is very important

that the officers of all the churches collect and forward the dues for the Conference fund. The money is specially needed. No church should neglect it.

J. I. PORTER, Clerk and Treasurer. Barrington, Aug. 7th, 1889.

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Third District will be held with the 1st Nashwaak church (Peniac), on Wednesday, Sept. 18th, at 10 a. m. It is hoped that all the churches in the District will both send reports and be represented by delegates.

J. A. VANWART, Clerk.

NOTICE.

The Annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Aid Society of the Seventh District will be held during the Annual Session of that District. Secretaries of Local Societies will please send a full report of the state of their societies and the amount of money contributed at as early a date as possible. I am sorry that I have been unable to obtain the necessary forms for Local Societies, though I have written to the sources where I supposed they were obtainable.

Each Society should send at least one or two delegates to the Annual meeting, who shall report the proceedings of the several sessions to the Society on their return.

We trust that those who attend and those who remain at home will pray that the Spirit of the Master may govern all our doings.

L. J. FULLERTON, 7th Dist. Sec.

THIRD DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of the 3rd District W. F. M. Society will be held during the Session of the District Meeting at Peniac, York Co. on Wednesday, Sept. 18th. It is important that all the local societies send reports, and so far as possible be represented by delegates. The sisters in Churches which have no societies should report what they have done in the work, and forward their contributions.

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It is necessary that you mention this paper in sending for the "Treatise." This offer will remain open for only a short time.—6w.

Marriages.

PETERSON-ESTABROOKS.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 10th inst., by Rev. T. S. Vanwart, Mr. George W. Peterson and Miss Rhoda N. Estabrooks, both of Waterville.

MURRAY-BROWN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Cedar Hedge Farm, Wheaton Settlement, Aug. 7th, by the Rev. A. C. Thomson, William W. Murray and Julia E. Brown, daughter of John Brown, Esq., both of the parish of Salisbury.

Deaths.

PORTER.—At Barrington, N. S., on the 11th inst., REV. JACOB I. PORTER, aged 62 years.

BARNES.—At Perth, V. Co., on the 8th inst., Ralph H., aged 4 months, infant son of Lydia and Rev. J. J. Barnes.

SHORT.—At Hampstead, Q. Co., on the 7th inst., Estella M. Short, aged 2 years and 6 months, eldest child of Willie H. and Etta A. Short. "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

DUNHAM.—At the residence of her son-in-law, George B. Storey, Church street, Moncton, 12th Aug., Mrs. Annie Dunham, widow of the late William Dunham, aged 58 years, leaving two daughters, one brother, two sisters, beside a host of friends and relatives to mourn their sad loss. Our loss is a heavy eternal gain. She peacefully fell asleep in Jesus with bright hopes of a glorious inheritance beyond.

FREEMAN.—In Campbell Settlement, York County, July 23rd, Mr. David Freeman, in the 85th year of his age. He was among the first settlers in the place. He professed religion when a young man and always maintained the christian course. He joined the F. C. Baptist Church when it was organized there. He used sometimes to go out and hold meetings. In the last years of his life his testimonies were very helpful. He was a great sufferer for many months, but was very patient and happy. He leaves to mourn his death, four sons and three daughters, among them is Rev. John Freeman, of the Nova Scotia F. B. Conference.—J. N.



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11.20 A. M.—For Fredericton Junction, St. John, and points East.

3.20 P. M.—For Fredericton Junction, St. John, St. Andrews, St. Stephen, Houlton and Woodstock, connecting at the Junction with East Express via Short Line for Montreal and the West.

RETURNING TO FREDERICTON.

From St. John 6.40, 8.45 a. m.; 4.45 p. m.; Fredericton Junction 8.10, a. m.; 1.45, 6.25 p. m.; McAdam Junction, 11.20 a. m.; 2.06 p. m.; Vancorbora, 10.55 a. m.; St. Stephen, 9.00, 11.40 a. m.; St. Andrews, 7.55 a. m.; arrive in Fredericton 9.20 a. m.; 2.10 and 7.15 p. m.

LEAVE GIBSON.

11.30 A. M.—Express for Woodstock and points north.

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10.10 A. M.—Express from Woodstock, and points north.

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