

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 13, 1897.

An Ecclesiastical Council

Assembled in Halifax, August 29th, for the purpose of considering certain charges of a serious nature preferred against the Christian and ministerial reputation of Rev. Dr. Pryor.

The council was organized by the appointment of Rev. Dr. Spurgeon, President, and Rev. W. S. McKenzie, Secretary, and Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Assistant.

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The Western Association

is expected to convene with the Baptist Church at Margerville on Thursday, the 10th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m. The usual accommodation will, doubtless, be afforded by the River Line, and persons going by either of the boats can be landed near the place of meeting.

Many thanks to our friends who have responded to the bills sent some time ago. It would occupy too much time to reply to each personally.

Learn from the Canadian Baptist, that Rev. G. A. McNulty was to be installed pastor of Great George Street Baptist Church, Toronto, on Sabbath, the 8th inst.

Ordination

On Tuesday, the 23rd inst., Rev. J. A. Steadman was publicly set apart to the work of the Christian ministry, at the Baptist Chapel in St. George, and ordained pastor over the church.

The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. James Walker. The candidate then retired, and Deacon James A. Moran gave expression to the perfect unanimity and cordiality of the invitation to Mr. Steadman to become their pastor.

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An Ecclesiastical Council convened at the Baptist Chapel, Shelburne, the 4th of Sept. at 5 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to an invitation from the Baptist Church of that place, to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. W. D. Manzer to the work of the Christian ministry.

The Council was organized by the choice of Rev. T. Todd as Moderator and J. S. Colpitt, Clerk, and the following named brethren took their seats as members of the Council:

Shediac Church, Deacons Atkinson and Walker, Brethren Jas. Wilbur, I. L. Evans, and J. Moser; Moncton Church, Rev. W. W. Corey; Sackville Church, T. Todd; Salisbury Church, Rev. P. O. Rees, Deacons M. D. Harris and J. S. Colpitt; Egin Church, Rev. D. Crandall; North River Church, Rev. J. Herritt; Hopewell Church, Rev. J. Williams; 24 Hillsborough Church, Rev. J. Fillmore; by invitation of Shediac Church, Rev. J. C. Hurd, M. D.

Acadia College Endowment

The following is a copy of the plan for raising the endowment, adopted at the recent session of the Convention.

1. That it is expedient to appoint five agents, viz., one for each Association; and that the said agents may be ministers or laymen, as may be judged most suitable to the districts in which they may be located.

Under \$5.00 Cash. From \$5 to \$20 In one year. \$20 to \$100 Two years. \$100 to \$300 Three years. \$300 and upwards Four years.

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From our Ontario Correspondent

The Political Struggle—State and Work of the Churches, &c.

Can it be that we are living in the latter half of the basest nineteenth century? Is it true that science is further advanced, learning more widely diffused, industrial and economical art better understood and practised, and, above all, true religion more nearly in the ascendant than ever before in the history of the world?

10. That the superintendent of the Endowment Agency be committed to five members of the Board of Governors in Nova Scotia and three in New Brunswick, who shall direct the operations of the agents, and with whom the agents shall correspond.

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Dr. Trencant's Opinion of Pastors

"As I was saying, about pastors," remarked the Doctor, "it is a very important thing, the setting of a pastor—very, to the pastor himself; equally so, or more so, to the church."

"What are they?" I inquired. "Prudence, and experience," he replied. "They cannot be over-estimated. Prudence, and experience, Prudence, by which a man shall be saved those innumerable scrapes, difficulties, and ill reputes, which so many ministers bring upon themselves and the churches. Experience, by which a man shall be able to guide himself and the church successfully amidst all contending influences. If you had a suit at law, would you employ an injudicious or an inexperienced lawyer? If your wife was sick, would you employ an unjudicious or an inexperienced physician? If you needed a teacher for your daughter, would you select one lacking in prudence, or wanting in experience? Of course you would not."

The church at Amherstville was a pretty strong body, and held an honorable position in the community. Rev. Mr. Ralston was five or six years their pastor. Not a brilliant, nor a profound man; but a man of good ability, of undoubted piety, with both prudence and experience. He was a faithful worker, and did them good work. He was a man that deserved far better. But one of the other churches settled a young man of popular gifts, and the tide of public favor turned towards him.

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Secular Department

arrived at New York.—There are 158,065 widows in New York State, which is a majority of 98,180 over the widowers. This is one of the results of the war.

The Great Famine demonstration in Chicago is reported to have resulted mainly in a prolonged series of fights.—A woman and child were found in Brooklyn who had not tasted food for ten days.—A Virginia paper says that foundings are as plentiful in Richmond as watermelons.—Merchants of high standing in Boston are said to be implicated in some great whiskey frauds discovered.—Hamilton, Ohio, with a population of only 14,000, makes more malt than any other place in the Union, and has 235 drinking saloons.—One hundred and fifty thousand persons in Chicago are without the influences of the gospel.

Forty thousand of these spend their Sunday in beer-gardens.—Although it is more than five years since the death of Prince Albert, the mourning seal in black wax continues to be affixed to all the official letters of the English Government.—It is reported that the people of Mexico are sick of blood, and the press are clamoring for a general amnesty. Juárez lately said that he hoped Mexico would imitate the clemency and moderation of the United States.—We regret to learn that the Viceroy of Egypt has lent his authority to an endeavor now being made to crush Protestantism out of the country over which he rules.—From various accounts it is to be feared that the potato rot has become very extended—in Maine especially—although complaints of its presence are more or less common in all the Eastern States.—\$20 deaths by cholera have occurred in the Indian territory, south of Kansas.—George Peabody has destroyed more than 6,000 letters, expended, since his return to England.—The French Exposition will close October 31st.—The materials of the palace and park will be sold.—A steamship line is proposed between Jamaica and New Orleans.—The great anti-slavery congress met, August 27th, in Manchester, England. William Lloyd Garrison made a speech.—Of all the many monuments and statues proposed to the memory of Abraham Lincoln at the time of his death, not one has yet been raised.—Thomas Carlyle is an independent candidate for one of the seats to be given to Chelsea under the new Reform Bill.

The following gentlemen have been returned for the Commons of the Dominion, viz.: Hon. C. Fisher for York, Hon. Charles Connell for Carleton Co., without opposition; Mr. Johnston for Northumberland, by a majority of over 500; Mr. Ferris for Queen's Co., and Hon. J. H. Gray for Saint John Co., both without opposition; and Mr. Burpee, for Sanbury, with a majority of 288. Mr. Fisher has resigned his seat in the local Legislature, and the Hon. Mr. Westmore succeeds him as Attorney General of this Province. Hon. Mr. McMillan has been elected by a large majority in Restigouche to his place in the local Legislature. Hon. Charles Skinner takes his place without opposition, as Solicitor General of New Brunswick. So far the Union sentiment is triumphant.

Dr. Day was nominated for the County in opposition to Mr. Gray on Monday, and gave a short address after Messrs. Gray and Tilley had spoken; but did not further pursue the matter. Mr. Gray therefore walked the course in peace. His devotion to the Union cause, and his position in social and political life, entitle him to a prominent place in the general Legislature of his country. In Canada the Union party is triumphant. Our Canadian exchanges are jubilant over the triumphant success of the Union candidates on all hands. Cartier, McGe, and other prominent Confederates, have been returned in despite of the most determined opposition. The Government will, in all probability, have a large majority. If they use their power righteously, well; if not, they will fall by the same power which has given them their position.

Nova Scotia is in the throes of a terrific political contest; both parties are confident of success. The Union party speak of the election of Tupper, Archibald and Lingley for the general Government as almost certain; but their opponents assume, if they do not feel, equal confidence. Mr. Howe finds Mr. King to be no small obstacle in the path of his ambition. His success in Halifax is somewhat doubtful; though the general impression is that he will be returned.

The potato blight is doing much damage in various sections of this Province. In Yarmouth, N. S., it has rendered the entire crop comparatively worthless. It is said they will not be worth digging. The hay and grain crop has been gathered for the most part without any serious damage. In a few districts, however, heavy rains have inflicted considerable injury, especially to the hay. The Amherst Gazette speaks of the hay and wheat crop in that section as surpassing anything they have had for years in that time. As we passed through the valley of Annapolis, King's, and Hants the other day, we were pleased to observe the progress making at different points in the construction of the railway from Windsor to Annapolis. A good many men, we did not learn just how many, are engaged on the line, and it is confidently expected that the road will be completed in the summer or autumn of 1897. It is a splendid opportunity for a railroad. The largest proportion of the way is unusually level, and but few cuttings will be required. The survey locates the road on the Wilmet side, as far as Bridgetown, and then it crosses the river and proceeds on that side to Annapolis, there to connect by fast and powerful steamers with St. John, and also direct with Portland, Me. Success to the enterprise!

A long letter from a friend in the country over the signature of "Norton" is received. The writer advocates, very earnestly, the claims of Mr. McCreedy to public favor in preference to Mr. Ryan; but we are not inclined to interfere in any political contests now in progress, in which men and not measures are the points at issue. Mr. A. J. Ritchie, editor of the Halifax Star, who, said to say, was recently drowned while stepping out of a boat in returning from a picnic, formerly resided in Chatham.

The Yarmouth papers say that the intercourse and trade between that port and St. John, N. B., has been greatly increased by the establishment of steam communication. Almost every trip of the steamer there is a goodly number of passengers, and considerable quantities of freight. The English Mail, it will, it is expected, be delivered this evening. WISTAN'S WILD CHERRY BALM.—This Balsamic compound has become a home mixture. Let all who suffer, and have in vain attempted to cure their coughs, colds, bronchitis or pulmonary complaints, make use of this unequalled remedy. Brown's "Vermifuge Contra."—This valuable combination has been successfully used by physicians, and found to be safe and safe in eradicating worms, so fatal to children. Be sure to obtain the Vermifuge Contra, which has been used with good success. Sold by Druggists and Dealers in medicine at 25 cents a box. ENGLISH AND FOREIGN. DUBLIN, Sept. 6.—Criminal prosecutions have been commenced in the Courts against several persons known to be bitter Orangemen, charged with participating in the recent disorderly procession of Orangemen, and with being parties to disturbances which occurred on those occasions.