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Chairman of the London Board.—SAMUEL BAKER, Esq.
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The Royal Insurance Company is one of the largest
Offices in the Kingdom.

At the Annual Meeting held in August 1859, the following
nightly satisfactory results were shown:—
FIRE DEPARTMENT.
The most gratifying proof of the expansion of the business
is exhibited in the following fact:—that the increase
alone of the last three years exceeds the entire business of
some of the existing, and of many of the recently defunct,
fire insurance companies of this Kingdom.
The Premiums for the year 1858 were..... £130,000
While the Premiums for the year 1859 are..... 166,148
Showing an actual increase of..... 36,088
or upwards of 50 per cent. in three years.
The recent returns of duty made by Government for this
later year (1859) again show the "Royal" as more than
maintaining the rate of its increase as stated in former years.
Only one among the London insurance offices exhibits an
advance to the extent of one-half the increase of the Company,
while all the others respectively fall far short of the
modest of its advance.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.
The amount of new Life Premiums received this year is
by far the largest received in any similar period since the
commencement of the business, and must far exceed the
average of amount received by the most successful offices
in the Kingdom. The number of policies issued in the year
was 233, the sum assured, £2,377,725 10s. 6d., and the premium,
£23,254 8s. These figures show a very rapid extension
of business during the last ten years. Thus:—
Years. No. of Policies. Sums Assured. Year Premiums.
1848..... 89..... 243,754 10 0..... 21,530 9 1
1849..... 190..... 56,500 9 11..... 5,027 4 7
1850..... 403..... 121,504 10 8..... 5,328 3 0
1851..... 408..... 121,588 11 4..... 5,284 10 0
1852..... 708..... 207,540 16 8..... 8,530 3 11
1853..... 893..... 357,702 6 8..... 12,304 8 4
The remarkable increase in the business of the last four
years, is mainly consequent upon the large bonus declared
in 1856, which amounted to no less than 25 per cent. upon
the annual sum assured and averaged 80 per cent. upon
the premiums paid.

JOHN M. JOHNSTON, Secretary to the London Board.
All descriptions of property taken at fair rates, and Fire
losses paid promptly, on reasonable proof of loss—without
reference to the local establishment.
JAMES J. KAYE, Agent for New Brunswick,
Prince Edward Island, and St. John's.

GEORGE THOMAS,
Commission Merchant and Ship Broker,
Central Fire Insurance Company Agent at St. John.
Dec. 4.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**
OF EDINBURGH AND LONDON.
ESTABLISHED IN 1825.
CAPITAL..... £2,000,000 Sterling.
Invested Funds (1864)..... £2,501,512 7 10 3/4
Annual Revenue..... 564,468 16 8 3/4

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
THIS COMPANY insures against all kinds of damage by
Fire, including Houses, Warehouses, Factories, Farm
Buildings, Stores, Merchandise, Vessels on Stocks or in Harbour,
and other Insurable Property, on the most favorable terms.
Claims settled promptly without reference to the local
Office.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.
Ninety per cent. of the Profits are allocated to those
Assured on the Participating Scale.
After a Policy has been five years in existence it shall be
held to be indefeasible and free from extra premiums, even
if the assured should remove to an unhealthy climate after
that time.
For rates and other information apply at the Office of
the Company, on the corner of Princess and Canterbury
streets.
HENRY JACK,
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ADAM YOUNG,
MANUFACTURER OF
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Ship and Mill Castings made to order.
28, 30, and 32 Water Street,
St. John, N. B.
March 5.—5m.

LADIES' SEMINARY.
Woolville, N. B., 1868.
THE Managers of this School claim for it a rank second
to none, of like pretensions, in the Province.
Care has been taken that without exception it secure the
best Teachers, and to make the School, in all respects,
worthy of its patronage.
Miss Emerson, whose past labours in the School have
been eminently successful, and who is engaged for that
purpose to spend her life to all her pupils, continues as
Principal.
Mr. Frederick Crawley has charge of the Drawing
Department, together with French, and is personally responsible for
the progress in these branches, as well as also as
Institutions in America, to those branches, are ample
guarantees of success.
Miss Gray has still charge of Instrumental Music,
and Miss Morris, the assistant, gives instruction in Vocal
Music.
Circulars—containing full information as to Terms, &c.—
will be sent on application.
Woolville, July 16.

**LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**
Fund paid up and invested..... £3,312,343 6s. 1d. 3/4
Premiums received in Fire Risks, 1864, £76,874 5s. 11d.
Losses paid in Fire Risks, 1864..... 320,458 7s.
Premiums in Life Risks, 1864..... 235,348 7s.
Losses paid in Life Risks, 1864..... 143,197 11s.
In addition to the above large paid up capital, the Share-
holders of the Company are personally responsible for all
Policies issued.
EDWARD ALLISON,
Agent for New Brunswick,
100 1/2, Commercial Bank Building.

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PROVINCIAL EXPOSITION, Oct. 13, 1867.
The first and only prizes for Cabinet Organs was
awarded to A. LAURELLIARD.
READ THE JUDGES' REPORT:
"A. LAURELLIARD exhibited a fine toned large Cabinet
Organ, with two banks of Keys, Eight Stops,
FIRST PRIZE."
Mr. L. also shows a Cabinet Organ in Rosewood Case,
Double Reed, with Knee Stop and Automatic Action, of great
power and purity of tone, which is entitled to Honorable
mention.
Also, an Organ in Nutt's Wood, and one in Black
Walnut, without Stop.
These Instruments are equal in every respect to the best
American makers, and will be sold at 30 per cent. less than
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Every Instrument fully warranted. An inspection
respectfully solicited.
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HAVING recently, and at considerable expense, fitted
up the necessary machinery and appliances for a
successful carrying on of the manufacture of VENETIAN
BLINDS, I have pleasure in announcing that I have
arrived, and will give a call before purchasing
any other.
Orders for any style of VENETIAN BLINDS, ready
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lowest possible price.
The Subscribers have always on hand—Dress, Suits,
and all which, for their facilities, they can make to
order with the utmost despatch and upon the most reasonable
terms.
Personal attention given to every variety of
tailoring, Dress-Making and General Jobbing, and no
charge made.
A. CHRISTIE & CO.,
April 4. Dooley's Building, Waterloo St.

The Natural Key.
It is said by some musicians that all sounds in nature
produced by wind and water, are in unison with the key
of F.

How oft, 'mid life's discordant din,
My listening ear hath caught
That all pervading tone, with deep,
Mysterious meaning fraught,
The mighty F, to which the cords
Of Nature's harp are strung—
The universal key, perchance,
To which the angels sing,
When, with the morning star, they hailed
The new-created earth,
Or o'er the plains of Bethlehem
Proclaimed the Saviour's birth.
That key of solemn majesty,
In which the winds and waves
Chant ceaseless requiems above
Unnumbered ocean graves;
That key in which the torrents sing
On every mountain side,
And rivers tune their slender reeds
In fertile meadows wide;
In which the breeze of summer breathes
Its flute-notes soft and low,
Or wintry storms around the hills,
Their martial trumpets blow.
Oft have I heard it in a wood,
Beneath some stately pine,
Whose tasselled foliage o'er my head
Made minstrelsy divine.
But when the thunder pealing loud
Through Heaven's ethereal dome,
Or vast Niagara's foam
Its veil of mist did bound,
In organ harmonies revealed
The Master's hand that played,
Then hath that wondrous tone on me
Its mightiest impress made.
And why may not that glorious dream,
"The music of the spheres,"
Too pure and perfect though it be
For ancestral ears,
Form but a portion of the same
Majestic harmony,
In which the winds and waves are tuned
In praise of Deity?

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Although comparatively few of us are known to
each other "by face," yet we rejoice in your joy,
and pray that you may prosper and be in health
even as your souls prosper!

There are many things for which we feel bound
to thank the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ on your behalf.
He has raised you, within a short space of
time, from small beginnings, to number many
among the thousands of Israel: He has blessed
you in times past, with holy, zealous, devoted and
gifted men, who counted not their lives dear, so
that they might testify the gospel of the grace
of God: He has blessed you with the spirit of
liberty in extending the sphere of your
influence into the neglected districts of your
land, and enabled you, for some years past,
to send the same precious gospel to foreign lands
and to the aid of a foreign missionary organization
of your own.

Added to these, He has blessed you with educa-
tional institutions of a high order, in which
your children can be qualified for discharging the
various duties of life, and filling the learned
professions without neglect or injury to their moral
training, and in which your young men who give
evidence of piety and gifts for the Christian
ministry can graduate, and go forth equipped in
the armor of light and truth, to battle for the Lord
on the high places of the field.
We would fain indulge the hope that the day
is not far distant when we shall all be more
intimately acquainted and associated in the various
religious, benevolent and educational organiza-
tions in which Baptists can cordially unite; thereby
strengthening each others hands, inciting to
love and good works, and mutually profiting by
each others counsel.

While we rejoice to hear that upon many of
your churches, as upon some of our own, the
Lord has been pouring copious showers of blessing,
and that the awakening and conversion of sinners,
and the saddening fact stares us in the face that
many churches in both parts of the Dominion
have made no visible progress during the
past year, and that some of them must have
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Brothers! while we fully and devoutly recog-
nize the Divine sovereignty in the bestowment
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render to Christ, have thought that they must
"wait for a revival?"

We trust we are thankful for those revival
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in their season, has likewise promised that
I will be as the dew unto Israel." Both the
rain and the dew have their separate destinies.

"Hold fast the form of sound words."—2d Timothy, 1. 13.
SAINT JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1868.

Pulpit Eloquence.
The following editorial article from *The Methu-
nist*, gives a just view of the present pulpit of
the church, and of the kind of pulpit which is al-
ways used to carry forward the progressive work
of Christianity:—

The question has been raised whether the
power of the pulpit is not declining. With ac-
commodations insufficient for the people that
might and ought to attend public worship, many
of the churches are yet poorly filled, and but few
are crowded. If the pulpit awakened the popular
interest it ought to awaken, would this be the
case? If there was decided power in the occu-
pants of the pulpit to win and hold the popular
ear, would not the churches be thronged with
people?

Such are questions which confront us. They
were vigorously handled by the writer in the
North British Review several years ago, in a judi-
cious article on "Modern Preaching." The
writer maintained that the incumbents of the
pulpit are, for the most part, men of average capac-
ity only, while those of extraordinary power are
the exception, and that this is the case in all other
professions as well as in the ministry. The
church must expect her work to be done chiefly
through ordinary rather than extraordinary agen-
cies. So it has been always. "Great pulpit
ministry were no more numerous in former times
than now; yet Christianity has steadily advanced
in the world."
History shows that extraordinary endowments
are rare. There are but few men in the country
who possess great power to reach and sway the
popular heart. Such men are seldom found in
the legal profession, or in either house of Con-
gress. Men there are, in considerable numbers,
of clear perceptions, acute analytic and reasoning
powers, and respectable scholarship, in all the
professions, and such abound in the pulpit; but men
of the highest oratorical power are the exception
everywhere.

This fact should not be ignored in our estimate
of the popular attraction offered by the pulpit.
How many men in other professions are known
to be masters of eloquence? Does the law fur-
nish more brilliant names than theology? The
pulpit has its full share of talent. In all parts
of the land there are preachers who possess, in a
lesser or greater degree, the inspiration of elo-
quence—men whose pulpits are always crowded
to the people, and whom, as is ever the case with
truly eloquent men, the common people hear
gladly. Perhaps there was never a time when
the Christian pulpit was relatively more powerful
in this country than at present—no time was
its way more universal and complete. Yet we
are free to confess that the mass of its incumbents
are men of solid rather than brilliant parts, and
that their capacity is average and not pre-emi-
nent.

This will be so always. The true work of the
world is done by ordinary men. The sum of human
achievement is largely the product of the
millions of common workers, while genius is chief-
ly employed in exploring the new paths, or in in-
spiring and guiding the toiling masses. A vast
amount of the best Christian work is wrought by
men of humble gifts. Preachers of low capacity
often achieve high results. The weak things of
this world hath God chosen to confound the
mighty, and things that are not to bring to naught
things that are. And yet it must be allowed that
eloquence in the pulpit is exceedingly desirable.
It is gratifying always to see people attracted to
the house of God, and hanging with breathless
interest upon the preacher's words. Great is the
power which enables the zealous advocate of the
truth to hold the hearts and minds of the vast
audience attent to his message, while his words
fire burn into their souls. The church may well
desire that gifted men, whose voice can awaken
echoes in the hearts of the multitudes, should oc-
cupy their pulpits.

The pulpit, too, is the most favorable sphere
on earth for the development of eloquence. The
frequency of its ministrations, the grandeur and
universal interest of its themes, appealing alike
to the tenderest and the profoundest sympathies
of the human heart, swaying its hopes and fears,
grappling with the problems of its existence, deal-
ing with the human guilt and the mystery of the
incarnation and redeeming love, together with
the sublime responsibility which the preacher
bears, and the solicitude which his heart should
ever feel for those to whom he speaks—all unite
to render the pulpit pre-eminent in the condi-
tions it offers for the development of the highest
order of eloquence.

It is sometimes asserted that the lack of inter-
est which is frequently shown in the ministrations
of the pulpit is caused by popular distaste
for its themes. Indifference, it is alleged, turns
people away from the voice of the preacher, who
would gladly listen if his oratory were directed to
other topics.
This we cannot believe. The gospel is God's
message to the souls of men. It is about that
which they cannot but be interested to know. Its
value is not so much a voice of terror as it is
of infinite pity and love. Glad tidings, indeed,
of great joy is the gospel of reconciliation. It meets
the most interesting phases of human experience
and human life. The preacher announces truth
which most of themselves excite men's apprehen-
sions and hopes. It is his to "unfold life's
significance as a probation for eternity." There
can not be in such a gospel as this anything that
repels men from its teachings to any such extent
as this allegation would imply. The fault of failure,
if failure there be in the pulpit, is not cer-
tainly in a lack of interest and attraction in its
themes.

With conditions so eminently favorable for at-
tractive and powerful speaking, men justly look
to the pulpit for eloquence. That they should al-
ways find it is not to be expected, for many men
who are true and even able pulpit workers are
not gifted with, and do not exhibit, this divinely
faculties of speech; but that the precious spark
should be in the bosoms of pulpits incumbents, in whom
its manifestations are comparatively few and feeble,
is hardly to be doubted.

The Christian Morning.—While my children
were infants on my lap, I raised my heart to
God, that he would wash them in that blood
which cleansed from all sin; as I clothed them
in the morning, I asked my heavenly Father to
clothe them with the robe of Christ's righteous-
ness; as I provided them food, I prayed that Go-
d would feed their souls with the bread of heaven,
and give them to drink the water of life; I have
pleaded that their bodies might be fit temples for
the Holy Ghost to dwell in; when they left me
the week-day school, I followed their infant foot-
steps with prayer, that their path through life
might be like that of the just, "which shineth
more and more unto the perfect day;" and as
I committed them to rest at night, the silent
breathing of my soul has been, that their heavenly
Father would keep them in his embrace, and fold
them in his paternal arms.—*Scottish Guardian.*

On the Bright Side.—"I am on the bright
side of seventy," said an aged man of God; "the
bright side, because nearer to everlasting glory."
"Nature fails," said another, "but I am happy."
"My work is done," said the Countess of Hun-
tington, when eighty-four years old; "I have nothing
to do but go to my father." To an humble
Christian it was remarked; "I fear you are near
another world."
"Fear it, sir!" he replied; "I know I am; but
blessed be the Lord! I do not fear it, I hope it."
A Victory.—An eminent Christian whose busi-
ness was large and prosperous, but who watch-
ed his own heart, said to a friend, "I found the
love of making money gaining upon me. It
alarmed me, and I resolved to give, as to arrest
it." He succeeded, by imitating the Saviour
in giving time and personal activity in doing
good, and by manifold and princely benefactions;
scattering blessings on every hand, and laying
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We would fain indulge the hope that the day
is not far distant when we shall all be more
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religious, benevolent and educational organiza-
tions in which Baptists can cordially unite; thereby
strengthening each others hands, inciting to
love and good works, and mutually profiting by
each others counsel.

While we rejoice to hear that upon many of
your churches, as upon some of our own, the
Lord has been pouring copious showers of blessing,
and that the awakening and conversion of sinners,
and the saddening fact stares us in the face that
many churches in both parts of the Dominion
have made no visible progress during the
past year, and that some of them must have
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From a tabular view of the numbers added by
baptism in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to
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for 1867; we find 1096, being a fraction under
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Brothers! while we fully and devoutly recog-
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of the blessings both of providence and grace, it
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trations of the word and ordinances? And has
not the correlative evil arisen therefrom, namely,
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render to Christ, have thought that they must
"wait for a revival?"

We trust we are thankful for those revival
showers; but he who has promised to give them
in their season, has likewise promised that
I will be as the dew unto Israel." Both the
rain and the dew have their separate destinies.

Address.
We give below the fraternal Address of our
Canada brethren to our Convention, and also our
Reply:

To the Baptist Missionary Convention of New Brunswick,
Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, about to assemble
in annual meeting at Saint John, N. B.
The Canada Baptist Missionary Convention, East,
sends Christian greeting.

Dear beloved brethren in the faith and fellow-
ship of the Gospel; holding as Supreme Head
the one Lord Jesus Christ, the one faith, and the
one baptism; we wish you grace, mercy and
peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus
Christ, with the eternal Spirit.
At the Ninth Annual Meeting of our Convention,
held in Montreal, in September, 1867, it was
the mind of our brethren that a closer inter-
course than has hitherto subsisted between the
Baptists in the different Provinces of this Dominion
ought to be established; whereupon it was
resolved, that the undersigned brethren be
appointed a committee to draft a fraternal address,
in the name of the Baptist Home Missionary
Convention of Canada East, to your Convention, to be
presented by our President, George B. Muir,
Esq., and any other member or members of our
body who may be able to visit Saint John, as our
delegates to your annual meeting for 1868.
Although comparatively few of us are known to
each other "by face," yet we rejoice in your joy,
and pray that you may prosper and be in health
even as your souls prosper!

There are many things for which we feel bound
to thank the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ on your behalf.
He has raised you, within a short space of
time, from small beginnings, to number many
among the thousands of Israel: He has blessed
you in times past, with holy, zealous, devoted and
gifted men, who counted not their lives dear, so
that they might testify the gospel of the grace
of God: He has blessed you with the spirit of
liberty in extending the sphere of your
influence into the neglected districts of your
land, and enabled you, for some years past,
to send the same precious gospel to foreign lands
and to the aid of a foreign missionary organization
of your own.

Added to these, He has blessed you with educa-
tional institutions of a high order, in which
your children can be qualified for discharging the
various duties of life, and filling the learned
professions without neglect or injury to their moral
training, and in which your young men who give
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