

The Western N. B. Association of Baptist Churches holds its twenty-first anniversary with the Baptist church of St. George.

The Corresponding Secretary, in accordance with the instructions of the Board, has sent to the churches collecting cards, which should be placed in every family.

A Good Convention.

This, we believe, is the united testimony of those who attended the recent Convention in Germain Street.

CONVENTION REPORT.

(Continued.)

The speeches of the evening, as reported by Rev. Dr. Spurgeon, are found elsewhere in your columns.

Educational Meeting.

AS REPORTED BY REV. DR. SPURGEON. Dr. Crawley spoke of the almost unutterable importance of the subject of the cultivation of the mind.

Education has a grandeur of importance of which it is not easy to speak, for the world is rapidly moving under mighty influences, which stand in close connection with the ramifications and operations of society.

It becomes us to remember that education consists in the cultivation of this power to its highest extent. Compare the power of mind required to raise an Indian wigwam, or a lumberer's log hut, with the cultivated genius requisite for building this noble structure in which we are now assembled.

Some one has said that education is religion, and as a figurative expression there is a mighty meaning and an appropriate force in the expression; because the great purpose of the Divine Being, in forming mind and linking it with the divine word, could not without a miracle, receive its accomplishment, except by means of education.

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The other academics as well as our own are sending their pupils to us for superior instructions, they find that they can attain more knowledge, and they are thirsting for it, and we must be prepared to meet this natural desire.

We anticipate next year the largest freshman class we have ever known. This improved state of things, and the determination to bring up education to this point, is very much due to the talent and perseverance of the present chief superintendent of education, who is himself a graduate of Acadia.

Christian friends, it is not necessary for me to expatiate on the advantages of education, who does not know that a blessing it is. Take up a book, and who does not feel the blessing of education in the man who wrote that book!

This is especially true of the translators of the Bible, through whose labors the plough-boy might become better instructed than the priest.

There are very great grounds of encouragement. We ask for an endorsement, and such a staff of professors as the progress already made demands.

I need not remind you of our devoted missionary, nor of others, both living and departed, who received their mental training and some of their religious convictions at Acadia; that (pointing to a tablet in memory of Rev. H. Vaughan, former pastor of the church) is itself a memorial of the value of the College.

When he first entered the Institution he was a diligent student, but his heart was still unchanged. There did that great change occur which altered the whole course of his future life. I saw your former pastor among others when under deep conviction and distress of mind; I witnessed the joy and peace which followed the surrender of himself to Christ.

Rev. Mr. Saunders could not refrain from referring to his own recollections of college life and his personal association with Henry Vaughan who entered college at the same time.

The speaker and Charles Corey were the only professed Christians in the College, the former spoke of the responsibility which in consequence rested on them, the latter proposed earnest prayer for the conversion of their fellow-students.

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Hors Bibles.

THE ADVOCATES OF A UNIVERSAL RESTORATION, it is said, are far from supposing, that punishment, in another state, is light or of short duration, far added to the general opinion, that the soul of a wicked person, the moment it leaves the body, is carried to the abyss of hades, and there under a conviction of its guilt, and enormity, remains in fearful expectation of the fiery indignation of the Lord.

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and suffering—throughout the endless ages of eternity. It may, however, be said, in opposition to all this, that at the day of judgment, the sinner is only condemned for the deeds done in the body, and that the time of his probation ends with this life.

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From our Australian Correspondent.

Homebush, Victoria, June 15, 1868. THE CRISIS.

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An apt illustration of the foregoing principle is now being played out between our Governor—Sir Henry Manners Sutton, as the agent of the Duke of Buckingham, or rather Her Majesty's representative here, and the Parliament of Victoria.

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New Books.

ANDREW DOUGLAS, published by the National Temperance Society, is a precious contribution to the Temperance literature of the day.

THE THEOLOGY OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STRUCTURE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM, by R. INGRAM. This is an English work, published by Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for September is unusually instructive and refreshing. For sale by Messrs. Barnes & Co., Prince William Street.

AN able writer in the Telegraph pleads forcibly for an improved educational system for New Brunswick. We hope his pleadings will not be in vain.

We call special attention to the Bazaar, noticed in another column, to open in the City Hall, Carleton, on Thursday the 8th inst.

Acadia College. There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors and Scholarship holders in the College Library, Wolfville, on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 10 o'clock.

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Foreign and Domestic News.

Strike of Cabmen.—An immense meeting of Cabmen was held in London, on the night of 28th Aug. But few cabs were to be seen in the streets.

Inquest at Aberfeldy.—The Coroner's inquest upon the remains of the victims of the recent terrible rail-accident at Aberfeldy, Perthshire, was commenced in that town on the 28th of August.

Mr. Jefferson Davis.—Mr. Jefferson Davis and his family have not yet left Liverpool; but they have removed from the Adelphi Hotel to a private residence belonging to an American merchant.

Reverdy Johnson, the American Minister, has returned to London on the 31st inst., from a visit to D'Israeli.

It is reported that all the French troops will soon be recalled from Rome.

Advices have been received here announcing that a great conflagration had occurred at Mariopol, a town of considerable commercial importance on the Sea of Azoff.

Alon John Bright publishes a long address to the voters of Birmingham, giving his views on nearly all the great questions at issue.

The Paris dispatch says M. Henri Rochefort, editor of La Lanterne has been condemned to thirteen months imprisonment and a fine of 10,000 francs in the second action brought against him for violation of the Press law.

Marshall Gilliam, Minister of the Emperor's Household, was present at the opening of the Council General of Dijon, and made a speech calculated to produce a highly tranquillizing effect.

He congratulated members of Council and people of the Cote D'Or on the successful harvest. The blessing of abundant crops he said was the more readily appreciated by the people, as they had reason to feel assured, by recent events, that they would enjoy their prosperity in peace.

Letters from Paris state that the Queen of Spain has requested Emperor Napoleon to meet her at Biarritz and that the Emperor declined the interview.

Reports have reached Hong Kong from North China that the Imperial troops have gained a victory over the army of the rebels which for several months menaced Tien Tsin.

The Sultan has visited Admiral Farragut on the flag-ship Franklin. International civilities were exchanged and much good feeling manifested.

The following has been telegraphed to the Duke of Buckingham, from Victoria:—The Darling grant has been dropped, the deadlock terminated, and the public payments resumed.

Four Maories have been elected to seats in the Legislature of New Zealand.

Despatches from New York state that President Seward, of New York, has forced a loan of two hundred thousand dollars from the merchants of Port-au-Prince, mostly Englishmen, and has ordered them to reopen their stores on penalty of being considered enemies of the Government.

Reverdy Johnson, the new United States Minister to England, has had an interview with Disraeli.

The Reciprocity Treaty with Canada. It will be based on the old treaty, which will soon be transmitted to the British and Canadian authorities, and will be ready for Congress to ratify in December.

A horrible tragedy occurred on the 29th of August, at Belle River, a small station on the Great Western Railroad of Canada. The passenger train of that line was derailed, and Vanorden, his wife, and nephew were consumed in the flames.

A despatch from Ottawa, of Aug. 28th, says:—Government detectives say they have information and descriptions of several hundred centres and leading figures who are expected to be present at the meeting of H. C. Cameron and Hon. M. C. Cameron, of Toronto, to be held to defend Wabens.

The great cricket match played at Toronto between Military and Civilians of Ontario and Quebec, resulted in a victory for the military by 58 runs.

A telegram from Ottawa to the Toronto Globe, of the 27th, says:—If the Railway Commissioners are appointed next week it is expected they will be ready by the first of November to call for tenders for the construction of such portions of the Intercolonial Railway as Mr. Sandford Fleming shall have proposed to be approved by the Railway Council. The number of miles of contract to be let is 100, and it is not expected to exceed 25 miles.