MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SACKVILLE, 9th July, 1868.

The Eastern N. B. Baptist Association met with the 2nd Baptist Church in Sackville, on the 9th day of July, 1868; at 10 o'clock, A. M., and spent two hours in a deeply interesting social conference; after which, adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Rev. W. Parker.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock. The Association was organized by appointing-

REV. W. A. COLEMAN, Moderator; W. A. COREY, Clerk;

" W. D. MANZER, Asst. Clerk;
DEA. C. HARPER, Treasurer;
"TITUS HICKS, Assist. Treasurer.

Prayer by Rev. J. Rowe. After motions were made to invite visiting brethren to a seat in the Association, some discussion arose upon the effect of the sixth Rule of Order, permitting all invited members to vote. It was moved that the order of business be suspended to amend that Rule. It was then moved that the sixth Rule of Order be so amended as to read: "Invited members enjoy all the privileges of delegates, except voting."

It was then moved to invite delegates and visiting brethren from sister Associations to take seats with us.

Delegates from Eastern Association, N. S.:-Revds. G. F. Miles, T. H. Porter, jr., J. W. Manning, W. B. Boggs, D. A. Steele, J. F. Murray, E. N. Archibald, H. C. Upham, W. F. Armstrong (Lic.) Steele, J. F. Murray, and Rev. D. McKeen.

Delegates from Central Association, N. S.:-Revds. J. M. Cramp, D. D., President of Acadia College; J. Chase, T. A. Higgens, E. O. Read, Wm. George, Prof. D. F. Higgens, J. Stubbard (Lic.), H. Munroe, (Lic.)

Delegates from Western Association, N. S.:-

Revds. W. G. Parker, W. H. Porter, J. M. Parker, M. Normandy. Invited to seats in the Association:—

Revds. John Francis, of San Francisco, California; C. Spurden, D. D.; I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, J. E. Hopper, D. W. Crandal, J. Walker; Deacons G. Garrison, M. Francis, Z. Gabel, and Hon. A. McL. Seely. The following Committees were then appointed:

On Arrangements.—Rev. Thos. Todd; Deacons G. Anderson, G. Sears, L. Kinnear, J. B. Tingley; Revds. D. A. Steele, E. B. Corey, Thos. Bleakney, and P. Duffy. d P. Duny.

To Read Letters—Revs. G. F. Miles, E. C. Cady, and I. E. Bill.

To Examine Circular Letter—Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., and Rev. P. O. Reece.

On Home Missions—Revds. Thomas Todd, T. H. Porter, jr., T. A. Higgins, W. G. Parker, David Crandall.

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On Special Business—Revds. W. T. Corey, W. W. Corey, J. Irving, P. O. Reece,
and Bro. C. E. Knapp.
Religious Periodicals—Revds. Thomas Todd, W. T. Corey, W. George, P. O.
Reece, J. Chase, Prof. Higgins, J. E. Hopper, and Z. G. Gabel.
On Sabbath Schools—Revds. W. H. Porter, S. Rowe, D. A. Steele, J. W. Manning; Deacons J. Anderson, J. Ford, W. Wallacc, D. McKeen, and Bro. James
Wilhur.

On Education-Revds. C. Spurden, D.D.; J. M. Cramp, D. D.; I. E. Bill, E. On Education—Revds. C. Spurden, D. D.; J. M. Cramp, D. D.; I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, J. E. Hopper, W. H. Porter, H. C. Upham, J. W. Mauning; Brethren C. E. Knapp, Z. G. Gabel, and Hon. A. McL. Seely.
On Temperance—Revds. J. Rowe, W. George, G. M. Parker, W. D. Manzer; Deacons Harper, M. Gross, Josiah Tingley; Revds. D. Crandal, P. Duffy, and Jacob H. Dykeman.
On Union Society—Revds. P. O. Reece, E. C. Cady, E. B. Corey, J. Irving, D. Horsman, W. Jones, Laben Lawrence, T. Hicks, L. Kinnear, and E. Reid.
On Digest of Letters—Revds. J. Irving, W. T. Corey, D. Bleakney, T. Todd.
On Finance—Deacons G. Garrison, M. Francis, R. C.Wry, C. E. Knapp, and Hon. A. McL. Seely.

The letters from the churches were then read.

As the letter from the Pollet River-or 3d Salisbury Church, as it was formerly called—had not reported to the Association for many years, and, in consequence, had been dropped from the Minutes, therefore moved-That their letter be handed to the Committee on special business.

The Committee of Arrangements reported :-That the morning session of the Association shall commence at 10 close at 12 o clock; resume at 2 o clock, close at 04, and resume at 71 in the evening. That, Rev. Mr. Normandy present the claims of the French Mission

this evening, and a collection be taken for that object. Prayer meeting each morning during the Session at 6 o'clock. Friday morning-That the association sermon be preached at 10 o'clock by Rev. W. A. Corey, Home and Foreign Mission be presented at the close. Afternoon Session, Education and Miscellaneous business. Preaching

in the evening by Rev. John Francis. Saturday Morning-General business &c. This evening, Home Missionary meeting and collection.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SABBATH. Sabbath School meeting, at 9 o'clock A. M., in Bethel. BETHEL.-10 A. M., Rev. I. E. Bill; 61 P. M., W. G. Parker. BEULAH. - 8 o'clock, P. M., Rev. Dr. Spurden.

SALEM. 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. E. C. Cady; 61 P. M., Rev. Wm. H. WESLEYAN CHAPEL.-11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Dr. Cramp; 61 P. M.

Rev. W. B. Boggs. Point DeBute. -10 A. M., Rev. W. G. Parker; 3 P. M., Rev. J. Rowe; 6 P. M., Melbourn Parker. Point Migic .- 11 A. M., Rev. Wm. George.

DORCHESTER .- 7 P. M., Rev. Jas. Irvin. Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. T. W. Corey.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Moderator in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Wm. George.

According to previous arrangements, the claims of the Acadian French Mission was then presented by the missionary, Rev. M. Normandy, and followed by remarks from Rev. I. E. Bill, on the origin of the Society; by Rev. J. Walker, on the claims of the French in New Brunswick to our sympathy and prayers; by Rev. W. A. Coleman, who showed the blessed results of the labors of our former missionary to the French, Rev. Peter Knight. He also spoke of the numbers of French in New Brunswick, and the necessity of our working for their conversion. Bro. Miles called upon Bro. Francis, of Colifornia, as one who had taken a deep interest in the starting of this mission. Bro. Francis spoke of our being debtors to all men, and hence to these French, on account of what Christ has done for us. He urged us to pay our debts to-night. A collection for this mission was then taken, amounting to \$ Dr. Cramp was then called upon to speak. He gave an interesting account of the Grand Ligne Mission in Canada, and spoke of the labors of Madame Fellere, and the conversion of Dr. Coate from Romanism.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Normandy.

Tuesday Morning Session, 10 o'clock, A. M. According to previous arrangement, the annual sermon was preached by Bro. W. A. Corey. Text, Isa. xliii: 21: "This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise." A collection for Home Missious was

taken, amounting to \$
Prayer by Rev. Wm. George.
The Moderator took the Chair.

Resolved-That the next Association be held with the Jemseg Church, to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday, the 8th of July, 1869; and that Rev. P. O Reese

attend to the same.

The Committee on Home Missions reported :-That during the past year the Home Missionary work has been prosecuted with the usual amount of success, affording ample encouragement still to pursue this heaven appointed medium of evangelizing a lost world. Your Committee have to lament the want of funds, by which this work, humanly speaking, only can be forwarded, and would urge upon the churches the necessity of increased liberality so that the destitute sections of our province may be supplied with the word of life.

THOS. TODD, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Beckwith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock. Moderator in the Chair,

Prayer by Bro. Carpenter.

Whereas the money paid by the Churches for printing

Minutes is not sufficient; therefore Resolved—That the
Churches, through their delegates, be requested to send an
additional amount to Rev. I. E. Bill for that object.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report—
That the subject of education, trite though it is, can never lose its interest, so important is the mental culture of our youth, and so weighty are the consequences involved in it. Your Committee are therefore

glad to leern that our Seminary has enjoyed a good measure of prosperity during the past year; the Senior department has been more no ously attended than usual, and a goodly number matriculated last year and this year, while several others are preparing for a similar career. The services of an experienced lady have been secured for the Female Department; and, while every exertion is made to supply efficient means of instruction, the moral and religious culture of the students is not overlooked. But upon these topics the report of the executive committeg of the Seminary will furnish more full details. At the last Session of the Western Association, each County was requested to raise a certain amount for the liquidation of the debt : the sum of \$250 was named for King's County; \$250 for Albert, and \$550 for Westmorland. Your Committee earnestly recommend this Association to adopt this scheme, and vigorously carry it out to completion. Your Committee have also much satisfaction in reporting, that Acadia College continues to enjoy a good degree of prosperity. There was a fair attendance of students during the past year. Ten graduated at the recent anniversary. Their places will be more than supplied by new students, as thirteen have already matriculated, and six or seven more are expected. It has pleased God to bless our Institutions with a revival of religion.

Some remarkable conversions have taken place; and the College, the Academy, and the Female Seminary, have all shared the blessing. The attendance at the Acadamy and the Female Seminary has been somewhat affected by the improved state of education in the Province generally, and the numerous schools and Academies that have recently sprung up in every quarter. But the re-action is only temporary. The Denominational Institutions will ultimately be benefitted by the Provincial advancement. All of which is respectfully submitted, C. SPURDEN, Chairman.

Report laid on the table; and, on motion, the Association adjourned to give place to the meeting of the N. B. Baptist Education Society.

Education Society Meeting.

Z. G. Gabel, President, in the Chair.

The Committee of the Society gave their report of its doings, in the absence of the Secretary, through Rev. J. E. Hopper, Principal of our Seminary. Report was adopted, and the Association requested to print it in the Minutes. (See Appendix.) Bro. Gabel called Rev. I. E. Bill to the Chair, and then presented the state of the funds of the Society, shewing its debts, and the measures which were being adopted to liquidate them. The several Counties are St. John County were called upon to raise \$1000. This they pledged themselves to do, and they hope to do more. York County brethren pledged themselves to raise the amount assigned to them, viz: \$750-\$500 had already been raised. Charlotte County have raised \$150. The brethren from the Counties in this Association were then called upon to say what they would do; and after some discussion, the following brethren pledged themselves to go, at the direction of the President, to any part of the field to collect the necessary amount, and to receive no pay for their services, except the defraying of the necessary expences of travelling, viz:-Revs. T. Todd, J. E. Hopper, W. A. Corey, P. O. Reese, W. D. Manzer, W. T. Corey, W. W. Corey, E. B. Corey, D. S. Carpenter, I. E. Bill, and E. C. Cady. Society adjourned.

Association resumed business. The Report on Education was lifted from the table and discussed. Dr. Cramp and Professor Higgins, of Acadia College, spoke of our educational institutions, showing the encouraging state of education, and congratulated the New Brunswick brethren on the efficient state of our Fredericton Seminary. They asked, however, that all proper influences should be brought to bear to induce our young men, especially Baptist young men, to take their college course at Horton, as our college has a four years' course which has a decided advantage over a shorter one. Our college also is more thorough, and requires more in order to matriculation than others adopting a shorter course. J E. Hopper explained the reason why so few of the students from the Seminary go to Acadia. He promised to use his influence to induce his students, especially Baptist students, to go to our own colleges. W. H. Eeckwith spoke report next year. of colleges in the States.

Report adopted; and the Report of the Education Society was ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

Resolved. That any member of this Association going to the P. E. Island Association be our delegate to that

ple of Sackville, for their whole-hearted hospitality in The following Committee was appointed to revise our Constitution and Rules of Order, viz: Revs. T. Todd, P. O. Reese, Dr. Spurden, W. A. Coleman, I. E. Bill, J. E. Hopper, W. D. Manzer, and W. A. Corey.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION, 71 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. E. N. Archibald. According to arrangement, Rev. John Francis, formerly of this Province, but now of California, preached. Text, Ps. cxxxviii: 2: "For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. E. C. Reid.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Committee on Sabbath Schools report-

That after years of observation and experience, they are convinced that there is no auxiliary of the church more instrumental in the conversion of the young, and more conducive to the promotion of a sound, ntelligent, religious faith, than Sabbath Schools. Your Committee would recommend that every church use every possible effort, to make these institutions what they are calculated to be—the nursery of the church. Great wisdom should be used in the choice of Superintendents and teachers, great care in the selection of suitable books for the School, and great sympathy and co-operation, on the part of parents and church members, with those engaged in the Sabbath School work. W. H. PORTER, Chairman.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report-That they most cordially commend anew the Christian Visitor to the confidence and support of our churches, as an effective aid to our de-nominational interests, and as a healthful instructor to our family cireles. As our denominational organ, it should have a place in every Saptist family in this Province.

Your Committee would suggest, therefore, continuous efforts on the part of the pastors and deacons of our churches, to collect all out standng debts due the paper; and to increase, as far as possible, the number All of which is respectfully submitted, THOS. TODD, Chairman. of its subscribers.

Adopted.

On motion, the Association suspended business to give place to the annual meeting of the Home Mission Society. Association resumed business.

The Committee to examine the Circular Letter, beg leave That they have attended to that duty; and cordially recommend

that the Letter be read by the writer of it, the Rev. T. Todd C. SPURDEN, Chairman. The Committee on Finances beg leave to report-That they have attended to that duty; and that on examination of the

That they have attended to that duty; and that on examination of the amounts contributed by the churches, they are small in comparison with former years. For the Union Society, embracing all the different objects, the sum of \$209.36; and contributions during the present Session, the sum of \$56.85; making in all, \$266.21. They earnestly recommend to the churches, a remembrance of their pledges; and that their contributions be forthcoming with a willing heart and a willing mind, in Thursday, the 8th of July, 1869; and that Rev. P. O Reese preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. W. D. Manzer be his alternate, and that Rev. W. T. Corey write the circular letter.

Resolved—That the Minutes be printed, and circulated among the Churches according to the money paid in by each; and that Bros. Bill and Cady be our committee to

Adopted.

Committee on departed brethren beg leave to report:-That during the past year Elder Manning Starritt entered his eternal rest. His ministerial work was quite brief. The ardent desire of his heart was the salvation of precious souls. In this he was very much blessed, especially during his pastorate with the third Elgin church. We doubt not that his ransomed spirit is now with the saints in light. What a mysterious providence which calls away brethren so zealously devoted to the service of God. Nevertheless we bow with submission to the divine government. divine government.

THOS. TODD, Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance reported :-

That temperance being the natural offspring of all good laws both for ody and mind, sanctioned and enforced by the word of God, the dictates of conscience, the laws of nature, the bappiness and peace of men, we, as a Committe, heartily and unitedly feel it one of the noblest duties, to propagate and extend its influence over the desert of misery that intemperance has created.

Temperance is one of the elements essential to human peace, prosperity and strength. It is a safeguard to the youth, an honor to the aged, a blessing to our country. It is ultimately destined to work a mighty reformation in the demorshizing customs of our country. She has held out a noble refuge for fallen humanity by her increasing organizations. She is now lifting the banner of freedom, that will spread from land to land, and from shore to shore, until her star shall shine with delightful

radiance on a reformed world. Therefore, your Committee feel the necessity of increasing energy in the promotion of this noble cause. J. ROWE, Chairman.

Adopted. Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. P. O. Reece.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 20th July. Prayer by Rev. D. Crandal.

Minutes read and approved. Whereas, A charge has been preferred against Rev. Caleb Spragg; therefore Resolved, That the matter in reference to the aforementioned brother be referred to the Committee on Special Business.

Resolved, That this Association will not receive any church into its fellowship, organized otherwise than by the advice of a Council of twelve brethren. The persons wishing to be organized shall request the four Baptist churches nearest them to send them an Advisory Council-viz.: three male members from each church to comprise said

Committee on Union Societies, report as follows-

That they are grieved to find that instead of an increased interest in the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, there is a sad decline; and that all the important objects embraced in our Union Societies, are suffering as the consequence. We think this is attributable in a great degree to the very imperfect manner in which our Union Societies are managed; that is, in neglecting to make any effort to raise funds or take subscriptions, until just before the meeting of the Association. Your Committee cannot think that this declension arises so much from the want of the grace of beneficence on the part of our people, as from the want of system in our churches. We would therefore recommend, that each church form as soon as practicable a Union Society, with officers, and collectors, and circulate subscription papers for the funds of the Union. Such subscriptions to be paid-one half about the first of November, and the remaining half about the first of June or July; and that the pastors of each church, be requested to take charge of the matter and work it-or see that it is worked efficiently by the several churches comprising this Association. We would also recommend that the pastors preach a sermon, at least once a year in each of their preaching stations-setting forth before their people, the duty and the blessings of beneficence, so as to make them feel as far as possible called upon to raise a certain amount. The brethren in that it is a privilege as well as a duty, to give unto the Lord, as Christ himself hath said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

All of which is respectfully submitted,
P. O. REECE, Chairman.

Adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. D. Manzer.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION, 71 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Corey.

The Committee on Special Business, beg leave to report-Whereas, a letter has been put into our hands from the church, formerly known as the third church of Salisbury; and said church having been dropped from our Minutes on account of neglecting to communi cate to the Association: We recommend that it be again received; and, to be known in the future, as the " Pollit River" Church. We further recommend that under existing circumstances, the church recently organized, be received into the Association, to be known as the "Peticodiac and Glenville" Churches.

Your Committee having investigated the charges of dishonesty and falsehood preferred against Rev. C. Sprague, find them fully sustained. W. T. COREY, Chairman.

It was taken up clause by clause. Resolved. That in view of the report just adopted, and the fact that he has been excluded from the church of

which he was a member, the name of Rev. Caleb Spragg, for these reasons, be dropped from our minutes. Resolved, That this fact concerning Rev. C. Spragg be published in the Christian Visitor.

The letters from Peticodiac and Glenville churches were hen read; but there being no delegates from these churches present, the hand of fellowship was not extended.

The Committee to revise Constitution and Rules of Order not being prepared to report, they were authorized to The Circular Letter was read by the author, Rev. T

Todd. Voted to be printed in the Visitor and Minutes. The following brethren were then appointed to attend our approaching Convention-viz. : Revds. W. A. Corey, W. T. Corey, P. O. Reece, J. A. Smith, W. A. Coleman. Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the peo-

entertaining all who have attended this Association. Adjourned to meet with the Jemseg Baptist church, on he second Thursday (the 8th) of July, 1869. Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

REV. W. A. COLEMAN, Moderator. REV. W. A. COREY, Clerk, REV. W. D. MANZER, Asst. Clerk.

Letter from Rev. C. Spurden.

REV. I. E. Bill, Dear Sir :- As I understand that the Rev. W. S. McKenzie was responsible for the statement to which Brother Harley and I referred last week, you will oblige me by inserting the enclosed letter in your next issue. Yours, &c., July 11th, 1868.

REV. W. S. McKenzie, Dear Brother :- I cheerfully accept the acknowledgments contained in the last VISITOR as evidence that you would not intentionally wrong your Baptist brethren in England; and I could wish that you were better acquainted with their views, their feelings and their doings, than you can possibly be by the correspondence contained in the American journals, if the extract you have given is a fair sample of it. Accusers of the brethren are to be found in every community, and in this imperfect state, material may be gathered from some quarter or other which may seem to justify their calumnies; while at the same time they mislead those who have no other sources of information.

If the statement of the large number of men who have fallen in the mission field be intended to refer to European Baptist missionaries during the past year, or any one year, I beg to say that it is incorrect; and it it be intended to refer to all Missionary Societies, or to the Baptist Mission for an indefinite number of years, it is a very loose statement. The fearful financial crisis in England, scarcely two years ago, will account for diminished resources in the mission treasury, if such diminution has been experienced, which has first to be proved. Three years ago, Sir Morton Peto, then the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, was worth half-a-million of pounds sterling, or more than two million of dollars, as his own private estate; now he is a bankrupt. Can such princely

fortunes be dissipated, and the effects not be felt far and wide? Can municent supporters of renevolent institutions be crippled, and the funds of those Societies be unaffected?

Allow me to remind you that individuality and democracy are two very different things. It is generally thought, by reasoners upon this subject, that the present position of the Anglo-Saxon race—both English and American—is largely due to the strength and activity of the principle of individuality. And although it may be carried to excess. principle of individuality. And although it may be carried to excess, yet, if the above idea is a correct one, the Church of Christ will do wisely to use and guide the operations of this principle, and not to stifle or

Allow me also to remind you that unity is very different from uniformity. The former may exist in perfection, where the latter cannot

Living organized things are distinguished for unity and variety combined. Dead organized matter often exhibits uniformity. A lofty, widespreading tree is a beautiful instance of variety, combined with unity. Root, stem, bark, branches, leaves, blossoms, fruit, all united, form an object, which, for loveliness and utility, cannot be surpassed; and each kind of tree has its own peculiarities which distinguish it from others. Who would exchange the delightful variety arising from this constitution of nature, for one unwearied scene of dull uniformity?

The human mind especially rebels against human efforts to coerce i nto enforced conformity and uniformity with other minds; let this feeling be respected, and let not its manifestation be stigmatized as the destruction of unity. I am, Dear Brother,

Yours, very truly,

Hon. S. L. Tilley has published a letter in the secular papers of the city, in which he presents a long array of figures to prove that, since her confederation with Canada, she has paid less into the Dominion Treasury than she has received, and that such will be her position next year. Is not this true of Nova Scotia also?

"An ORATION, delivered at the Encomia of the University of New Brunswick, by the Hon. John Hamilton Gray, D. C. L., Q. C., M. P.," is published in neat pamphlet form by Barnes & Co., and is for sale at the Bookstores of the city. It is a very eloquent production, and contains much valuable information, and very many valuable suggestions to young men. It ought to have an extensive reading.

The Gelaxy for July contains a large amount of reading of unusual interest. The subscription price of the Galaxy is \$4 per annum for a ngle copy Two copies for \$7.

The Sunday Visitor is rich in choice articles for the family circle. The New Deminion Monthly for July is as attractive as ever.

The Council of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association is to assem ble at Ottawa on the 15th inst., to make preliminary arrangements for the first Canada Wimbledon Prize Meeting, at Montreal. The Montreal Branch Association is to have a grand prize meeting on Sept. 16th.

ST. JOHN, N. B., JULY 16, 1868.

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR

The Sackville Association is reported in part only in our present issue; the remainder will be given next week. We have a few

SACKVILLE, thousand, and its upland plains and slopes are blooming with all the elements of a luxuriant harvest. this year for their toil.

THE BAPTIST PASTOR,

year, no ordinary amount of toil in cultivating the led at him. I have known those who have had to field, spiritually, and has faithfully cast in the seed steal away around through the woods, and seek shelof truth eternal. The result, we rejoice to say, is a ter-in some poor freedman's cabin, not daring to let rich harvest of ransomed souls gathered into the fold his whereabouts be known, lest he should be assassiof the Redeemer. Many promising young men and nated. Yet God has kept these men, blessed their maidens have bowed to the sceptre of redeeming labors, and has done great things through them. mercy. God grant that they may hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering. ASSOCIATIONAL ATTENDANCE

was not so large as we had anticipated. Too many of our New Brunswick ministers were absent; but the Nova Scotia delegation was unusually large.-Sixteen of the ministering brethren came over to aid with their prayers and counsels; thus furnishing an impressive practical illustration of their falth in the wise proverb that, "in the multitude of counsellors, there is safety." So much has been said recently, in certain quarters, against councils, it is peculiarly delightful to see such practical evidence of strong faith in their utility, not only as it respects churches, but in their application to Associations as well.

THE FRENCH MISSIONARY, Brother Normandy, gave, on Thursday evening, a satisfactory account of his conversion from the dogmas of Popery, and of his evangelistic labors for the salvation of the French people. As we have no missionary among the French of this Province, we trust our churches will shew their interest in these interesting people by doing what they can for the furtherance of this mission in Nova Scotia.

THE ASSOCIATION SERMON by Rev. W. A. Corey, unfolded, in the light of the divine countenance, the fundamental principles of the Christian faith, and called affectionately and earnestly for a more thorough conformity on the part of ministers and people to the pure standard of a vitalized Christianity, that God may be glorified, and the world subdued to the loving reign of the Prince of

REV. JOHN FRANCIS cheered many hearts by his presence. In the early part of his ministry he had been signally blessed in his labors in the Counties of Westmorland and Albert. His visit, therefore, naturally revived recollections of the past in his own mind and in the minds of others, well calculated to arouse the deepest sensibilities of the soul. His sermon on Friday evening greatest blessings of peaceful communities which are was a rich exhibition of Bible truth, all glowing with the pathos and power of christian affection and minis. terial sympathy. His stirring appeals drew tears

treasured in many hearts.

THE SEMINARY DEBT again loomed up before us as an incubus upon educational progress that must be swept out of the way. It ought to have been paid long years ago, but as it was not, there should be no time lost in paying it now. The failure of the present effort to do this would reflect serious discredit upon us as a denomination. We trust the brethren who have volunteered to aid the President of the society in collecting the sum required will press the matter forward to a suc-

THE MISSIONARY MEETING on Saturday evening called forth warm addresses in behalf of the Home and Foreign fields. Effectual doors. are open in all the different sections of this wide world for the preaching of God's word. Who among our christian young men will hasten with the messages of life to myriads dead in trespasses and in sins? Young men ponder your duty to Christ and to souls.

and Professor Higgins, especially represented the interests of Acadia College, and urged with much propriety and earnestness, the importance of united action in favor of our educational interests. There is mighty work to be done by the Baptists of these Provinces in the cause of education. Let every one put his shoulder to the wheel to help forward the

were very numerously attended; and the brethren in charge, in the true spirit of their mission, proclaimed in all fidelity and affection, the Lord Jesus as the only name given under heaven among men by which sinful souls can be saved. There is reason to hope, that the word preached, will not return void. The Lord in mercy make it powerful to save!

THE SABBATH SERVICES

From our Augusta Correspondent.

AUGUSTA, GA., July 4th, 1868. Mr. Epiron,-This is a delightful climate. It is rue, we have warm days; but the evenings are delightful. One can see to read by moonlight. Officers have told me that, when on Morris Island, they frequently sat on the beach and wrote letters by the light of the moon. In this city, we have long lines of fine shade trees. Spacious gardens, full of rare plants and tropical trees, surround the finer residences. Almost every house has a piezza, or a balcony; and, of course, on these magnificent nights, there the inhabitants sit to chat or sing. From these piazzas, or from the open windows, in every direction, may be heard the voice of song. There is an indescribable deliciousness about the climate, at this season, that is perfectly captivating. SCHOOLS IN GEORGIA.

Yesterday, the public schools of Augusta had an zations in the North are doing great things in educacations in the North are doing great things in educational matters; they send none but the best teachers. The American Missionary Association has, during the last year, spent for the freedmen more than \$700,000 in cash, and has furnished more than \$50,000 worth of clothing and supplies; it has instructed, in its various schools, between \$0,000 and 70,000 persons. During the current fiscal year, it has sent to the South 479 missionaries and teachers; it has had, in this State along more than proceed to Panama.

A train on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad broke through a bridge yesterday, resulting in the death of five of the passengers and the wounding of several.

New York, July 18.—A letter from Shanghae of May 26th, states that the frigate Shenandoah, which had been on a cruise along the coast of Corea, in search of the survivors of the American schooner Gen. Sherman, had ascertained the fact that the schooner had been attacked, had returned the fire, was then assailed and blown up, every one on board being killin this State alone, more than one hundred teachers

has watched over these teachers. It is true, many have fallen victims to malarial fevers; but the Divine arm has protected them from most malignant enemies. When this work first commenced, the teachers were insulted on the streets, were sometimes spit upon, were slandered in the public papers, and threatened with personal violence; but in almost every community, now, they are, at least, respected though hated.

In the house where I am now writing is a young Reports from all parts of the country show an extraordinary degree of heat.

New York, July 14.—The treaty with China which has been under negotiation for some time, has at last been concluded. It opens to the United States every important port in that Imperial Government and brings the Government into friendly relations. It will be ratified immediately.

Yesterday afternoon a child accidentally fell from a barge loaded with excursionists on the North River, and the rush of persons to the side of the boat broke down the railings and several were drowned.

Gold closed at 1412.

lady, on the way home for the summer, who taught school on a plantation, twelve miles from any village. Every morning, she rode six miles through a lonely forest to her school. A stupid mule, which she often managed berself, hitched to a lumbering old waggon, drew her through the mud and mire, and water sometimes as high up as the waggon body. . This young lady is frail and delicate, and, withal, cultivaremarks to offer in addition, as jottings by the way. ted and refined. Another young teacher had a school in one of the worst parts of the country. Two of her scholars had thrashed the son of the hotel keeper in in its agricultural pursuits, never looked mere pro- the place. He came to the school-room door with mising. Its broad acres of Marsh, counted by the his revolver in his hand, and demanded that the two young "niggers" should come out, that he might shoot them. She laughed at him, and invited him in Grass, grain and potatoes are exceedingly hopeful; to address the school. She talked him down, and and unless some unexpected calamity should come, finally, he who came foaming with rage, bent on the farmers of Sackville will receive a rich reward murder, went away laughing. It is perfectly wonderful how God works! I know men who have stood in the pulpit, at night, preaching, while a poor delu-Rev. Thos. Todd, has expended, during the past ded mortal stood in a field near by with a gun level-

THE ROMAN CATHOLICS

are doing all they can to get control of the colored people. They are to spend \$600,000 in gold this year to make proselytes. The "Sisters of Mercy" may be found all along the coast of Florida, the priests in great cities, and monks wherever they can get a hearing. Protestants should be wide awake. The Catholics allow the colored people to sit on the same floor with them, while proud Protestants send them to the galleries of their churches. Not a poor catholic man, woman or child, is allowed to suffer hunger. The poor black is cared for as well as the white. The "Sisters" will help the little negro girl to sew. The priest is "well-mannered" to the humblest black man. Would to God that Protestant America realized the great work that is to be done among the freedmen. The hation is not yet half

P. S. I have spoken of what only one society has done. There are many others that are doing much, There are from 170,000 to 200,000 colored children under instruction in the South.

Secular Department.

Foreign and Domestic News.

Mr. Disraeli, in a recent speech, defines the constitution of England, thus :---It is not a paper Constitution. (Hear, hear.) It

is the aggregate of institutions, many of them founded merely upon prescription; some of them fortified by muniments; but all of the fruit of the experience of an ancient and illustrous people. And the consequence of this peculiar Constitution has been one experienced by no other nation; that in England, society has always been more powerful than the State. Therefore, in moments of difficulty and danger-in moments of emergency-there has always in this country been something around which men could rally, and by this means we have achieved the two

The Duke of Buckingham, in dealing with Nova from many eyes, and we trust they will long be Scotia matters, takes the ground that the Confederation act was legitimately passed, and adds:-

I should do injustice to the character which Nova Scotia has always conspicuously borne as a faithful member of the general British community, if I did not add as a consideration sure to have weight with it that the measure is believed by Her Majesty's Government to be not merely conducive to the strength and welfare of the Provinces, but also important to the interests of the province will, Her Majesty's Government are confident, be cheerfully given by the Parliament of the Dominion; but, after the foregoing expianations, I trust that the Assembly and the people of Nova Scotia will not be surprised that the Queen's Government feel that they would not be warranted in advising the reversal of a great measure of State, attended by so many extensive consequences already in operation, and adopted with the previous sanction of every one of the Legislatures concerned, and with the subsequent approval of the Legislatures

of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In the House of Lords last evening on an appeal of the Fenian Mulcany, a decision was rendered confirm-

The bill granting a pension to Sir Robert Napier was agreed to. In the House of Commons last night a pension to Gen. Sir Robert Napier was voted. Gen. Napier has been made a peer under the title of Lord Napier Magdala. Paris, July 10 .- In the Corps Legislatif to day M.

tion of the church and state was only a question of The latest despatches received from Madrid state that Don Antonio, the Duke de Montpensier, had been arrested and taken to the frontier. The Generals who were recently arrested for political causes have been sent in banishment to the Canary Islands.

Barroche Minister of Sustice, declared that a separa-

By virtue of the provisions of the Naturalization Treaty recently concluded between North Germany and the United States the German trovernment has stayed all prosecutions against adopted citizens of America of German birth. All those who have been sentenced or imprisoned will be released forthwith.

Ismael Pasha, Viceroy of Egypt has married the daughter of Abdul Medjid, Turkish Minister.

Prince Napoleon has gone to Paris. LIVERPOOL, July 13.—At a trial of reaping machines of the world, which took place on Saturday at Berlin, the English reapers were decided to be superior to those of America, and took the International prize.

UNITED STATES. The great Democratice National Convention has resulted in the nomination of ex-Governor Seymour, of New-York, as their candidate for the Presidency of the American Union, and Mr. Frank Blair, of Missouri, for the Vice Presidency. The former is a thorough Democrat of distinguished ability, and the latter is a western politician of extensive influence. The party endorses the nomination with much enthusiasm, and seems very confident of suc-

New York, July 11.—Money continues easy, and trade exhibits as great activity as is usual at this hot time of the year. There is a prospect of adjournment of Congress

exhibition. The school system of the city has, here-tofore, been wretched. The colored children are already outstripping the white. The various organiordered him to re-open that port immediately and

assailed and blown up, every one on board being killduring the year just closed. There is a constantly increasing demand for more missionaries and more teachers.

While I am speaking of this subject, I cannot forbear to allude to the wonderful manner in which God has watched over these teachers.

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