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SYSTEM IN CHURCH WORK.

In what we have written on this subject hitherto, nothing has been said of the work among the unconverted.

The need of system here is more imperative perhaps than in any other department of church work.

And yet those who are guilty of this terrible neglect are tender-hearted and loving, for the most part.

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But now can system in this department of church work be attained? Pastor who have had a special

gift in this line have divided up their field into sections, and have distributed the work of caring for the spiritual interests of the unconverted among the families to be worked.

What great good might be done in this way can readily be seen. There is not much hope of men who never come to religious services.

SEVENTH DAY ADVERTISEMENTS—CRITICISMS.

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Another declares "your whole line of argument is of the very character which (we) repudiate when used by Pedobaptists in defense of their pet institution."

We might add that the methods adopted to defend the Christian's day of worship are similar to those of Pedobaptists to support infant baptism.

WAITING.

How hard it is to work and wait; especially in this so if the Christian toiler thrives all his soul into his labor.

But need any one grieve mourning because his labors are not evidently blessed? While it should be enough to know that God's will is being done, he always does us well.

Respected Members.

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The Canadian Baptist has the question in this form: "Is it right or in accordance with Baptist principles and usage to receive as members of a neighboring church on experience?"

The editor of the Messenger and Visitor says, "It might be better." He does not say it is necessary.

The doctrine of the Canadian Baptist has been taught and practiced so far as I know, in these Maritime Provinces from the beginning of our history till now.

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between him and the old church and its members it should be removed before seeking the new membership; still we do not think that a member expelled for general neglect of duty, or for a course of conduct which makes it evident that he is a stranger to grace, is to have his case necessarily submitted to the old church.

Our Great Need, and How to Supply It.

We have now referred to insufficient support, lack of sympathy for young men, and attendance at the Theological Schools of the United States, as some of the causes that have occasioned our present deficiency of pastors.

It is manifest then if our need is to be supplied this exodus must be stopped or reduced to a minimum. It is not because our churches have failed to bring forth men for the ministry, but because we have not cared for them and kept them with us.

But why allow these causes to go on working this disastrous result. We have already shown that they can all be either greatly lessened or altogether removed.

While the denomination as a whole should grapple with, and seek to remove or lessen this evil, upon the laymen, especially, devolve the duty of taking a leading part in dealing with the question of salaries.

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The plan of letting ministerial students earn their way along, is no new discovery in these provinces. The students of Acadia have been permitted to apply the method pretty thoroughly for at least thirty years.

It ought, also, to be borne in mind that there are cases, and in a term of years they will not be few, in which it is better economy to pay a young man's expenses in study, than to pay him to labor among the churches.

Proceedings of Provincial Parliament have not been very lively inasmuch as very few Government Bills have yet been introduced.

A petition signed by nearly two hundred registered medical practitioners throughout the province, expressing want of confidence in the present management of the City and Provincial hospital, and asking for an impartial investigation, has resulted in the committee on humane institutions instituting a searching investigation.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

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There are others at Morgan Park. O. K. Harrington and his brother ought to be amongst us. The former is a graduate of 1879—an excellent scholar and a faithful laborer.

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