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Lewis J. Burpee, eldest son of our first missionary, the late Rev. Richard Burpee, died at Ottawa, 19th inst. Mr. Burpee was born in Burmah. At the time of his death he was clerk of the privy council.
The presidency of Mount Allison Wesleyan College, Sackville, has been offered to Dr. David Allison. Dr. Allison was president from 1869 to 1887, when he was appointed Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia. For some years Dr. Allison was understood to be in favor of consolidation of Maritime colleges, but should he go back to Mount Allison he would not doubt be faithful to her interests, which he would serve with ability. Mr. Crockett, who was lately dismissed from the office of Chief Superintendent of Education of New Brunswick, has been appointed professor of classics in Morin College, Quebec. This is a Presbyterian college in affiliation with McGill University.

We regret that it is again necessary for us to hold over a large amount of matter.

All our readers will rejoice that, according to the latest received reports, the condition of Mr. Spurgeon's health affords, at least, some slight grounds to hope for his recovery.

The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick held its annual meeting at Kingsport, N. S., a few days ago. We have no statement of the numerical growth or strength of the body. One new church, that at Truro, was received. A new house of worship has lately been dedicated at Kingsport. This body of Christians is not large in these provinces, but they make strong efforts to keep up their denomination.

A copy of the new McMaster University Monthly, which reached this office during the editor's absence, was unfortunately mislaid, and was not found until we are about to go to press, so that we are not able to notice it at any length in this issue. We observe that the Monthly is receiving high commendation and especially Dr. Rand's article on Tennison. Edmund C. Steadman speaks of it as "a valuable and interesting paper," and says the Monthly is very lucky to begin with such a contribution. We welcome the evidence which the McMaster Monthly affords of enlarging literary power and aspiration among the Baptists of Toronto, and wish the enterprise the highest success.

Our Ontario correspondent alludes to the appointment of Rev. G. B. Foster, of Saratoga Springs, to the chair of Philosophy in the Arts department of McMaster University, and the offer of the chancellorship to Dr. Jesse B. Thomas, of Newton. We are also informed by a correspondent who is intimately acquainted with the educational work of our brethren in Ontario, that—

"The outlook is hopeful. The past year's work in the Arts department has settled questions which could not be settled except by movement and active operations. There is a growing spirit of unity and confidence. The purpose of all concerned is to make McMaster University a very strong institution. Mr. Foster, like Dr. Thomas, is not wholly a product of the schools, but is a man of much native vigor of thought. They are both wholly one with us in their educational policy and believe in rooting all our work in the Divine Word. It is not yet known whether Dr. Thomas will accept the chancellorship. Both these appointments are for university service beginning October, 1892. Prof. Farmer, who has been two years under Dr. Broadus for special preparation, enters upon the duties of his chair—New Testament exegesis—next autumn."

We have received an interesting letter from Rev. J. H. King, who was recently ordained at Carleton, and is now settled at Regina. Want of space prevents us from publishing the letter in full. Our readers will be glad to know that Bro. King and Rev. E. B. McLatchy, who went to his field of labor at Morden, Man., have had a prosperous journey to their new homes. We wish them all success. Of Winnipeg Bro. King writes:

"A day in Winnipeg was very profitably spent. The city has a population of 25,000, many handsome public buildings and hotels, and a multitude of enterprising citizens. Everybody seems in a hurry. The Baptists of Winnipeg, under Pastor Grant, purpose building a new house of worship soon. From all accounts the Baptist cause is flourishing. They have mission schools in different parts of the city, and a second Baptist church is in good prospect. Baptists are not so numerous as other denominations in this vast country. But we should thank God for even a few New Testament churches and pastors. In spite of all religious and moral forces in Winnipeg, and in all other towns and villages, rum seems to have free course. From hotels and saloons alike, it deals out Christianity's deadly foe. And as we thus behold the progress of evil side by side with the Gospel, and even in advance of it, how vain seem our efforts.

But God reigns and He will eventually bring all men into subjection to His will.
We shall be glad to hear again from our brother.

SUNDAY DESERATION.—The religious sentiment of our land is being outraged by the Southern railway's proposal to run an excursion train between St. John and St. Stephen every Sunday, beginning August 2. The Rev. W. J. Stewart, pastor of the Brussels St. Baptist church, protested in well chosen and forcible terms, on Sabbath morning last, against this violation of our long established and wholesome custom of religiously observing the Lord's day. We are informed that the running of Sunday trains is in violation of the laws of this province. We hold that it is likewise strongly opposed to public interest, and we believe the public sentiment of the country is emphatically against it. We have received a communication on the subject, for which we regret we are unable to find room in this issue.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Associations of these Provinces is to be held at Truro, N. S., August 6-9, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, and closing Sunday evening. The committee announce that Mr. E. Wells Bliss, evangelist, of Chicago, has been secured to conduct the Bible theme, and Mr. F. H. Clark, of Boston, his musical director, to take charge of the music. Among those who will be present are Mr. Wm. M. Griffith, Ufca, N. Y., representing the International Committee; Dr. Fred. W. Kelley, of McGill Medical College, Montreal; Pres. James Forrest, of Dalhousie University, Halifax; D. A. Budge, general secretary Y. M. C. A., Montreal; Rev. Andrew Robertson, New Glasgow; Rev. G. O. Gates, St. John; Rev. Wm. Hamlyn, Rector St. Paul's church, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Rev. W. B. Hinson, Moncton.

The Telegraph has seen fit to honor us of late with a somewhat generous share of its attention. Not long since it expressed concern because, as it alleged, the MESSENGER AND VISITOR had had nothing at all to say in reference to the scandal in connection with the Public Works department of the Dominion Government, and when we modestly replied that the statement showed that the writer was not an attentive reader of this journal, the Telegraph, by way of apology for having misrepresented us we suppose, asserted that the MESSENGER AND VISITOR was "under Tory editorial management," and intimated that it—the MESSENGER AND VISITOR—regarding a boodler as less worthy of condemnation than a member of the Salvation Army, quoting a sentence or two from a contributed article in our last issue in proof of its assertion. This allegation of the Telegraph is certainly amusing in view of the fact that about the most pronounced criticism we have heard from our readers during the past year has been expressed in the apprehension on the part of some of them that the MESSENGER AND VISITOR had too high a regard for the Salvationists. As to the assertion that the MESSENGER AND VISITOR is under Tory editorial management, a correspondent of the Telegraph in its next issue informed the editor of that journal that the editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR is a liberal. Leaving the Telegraph with the help of its correspondent to wrestle with the weighty question of the personal politics of the editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, we shall endeavor to pursue the even tenor of our way as a religious—and so far as politics is concerned—entirely independent journal. The insinuation which the Telegraph weaves into its leader of the 23rd, to the effect that the religious newspaper press of Canada is to some degree corrupted and muzzled by government patronage, seems to us to be unworthy of so honorable a journal as we have always considered our contemporary to be. And so far as this paper is concerned we feel it is superfluous to say the insinuation is wholly unjustifiable. The Telegraph, no doubt, means well, but we are bound to say that we have seldom known a paper to possess so eminent a faculty as it has exhibited for missing the mark. Our contemporary does well to be jealous for purity of administration in all the affairs of government in this dominion, and to expect that all honorable journals will unite in the denunciation of corruption in whatever high place it may be proved to exist; but it is certainly a lamentable thing if the Telegraph's righteous and profound concern respecting the revelations made by the committee on elections and privileges has so exhausted and impaired its moral perceptions that it is unable to bear fair and honest witness concerning its neighbors of the religious press.

A CORRESPONDENT wishes to know why Acts 8: 37, is omitted from the Revised Version of the New Testament. The reason of its omission is that it is not found in what are considered by scholars, the oldest and best Greek manuscripts. The words are therefore generally considered to be an interpolation inserted by some transcriber. "Meyer suggests," says Dr. Hackett, "that they may have been taken from some ancient liturgy, and were added here that it might not appear as if the Eunuch was baptized with evidence of his faith."

From the Lone Star, of June, we learn that the Rev. R. Sanford, of Bimlipatam, has so far improved in health, that the necessity for an immediate departure from the country is removed. He now hopes to continue at his station, at least till after the arrival of a new missionary. From the same source we learn that Dr. Boggs is on his way to America with his two boys to place them in the Home for Missionaries' Children, at Newton Centre, Mass. He purposes to return to India in September. His brethren of the Maritime Provinces will be happy to greet him in his old home land.

PASSING EVENTS.

THE REPORTS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS WHICH ARE IN PROGRESS before the committee on elections and privileges into affairs connected with the Public Works department of the Dominion Government are being given to the public more or less colored in most cases, according to the political complexion of the newspapers which publish them, and the readers of these journals are therefore at a disadvantage in any attempt to reach a right decision as to the merits of the case. It is not the part of an honorable and independent journal, or of any right thinking man to prejudice a case, or to condemn a man or any body of men before full opportunity has been afforded to adduce such evidence as may be forthcoming in their defence. Moreover, no patriotic citizen of any political party will be eager to believe that corruption exists in any department of the government, or in the conduct of the public men of the country. Every true man will be jealous for his country's reputation. But on the other hand, no truly patriotic man of either political party can wish to conceal and condone corrupt practices. If corruption is proved to exist in any department of the government, or in any part of the body politic, the foul cancer should be cut out at whatever expense of pain and humiliation. That one member of parliament at least has carried on a systematic course of jobbery in connection with the Public Works department, and that he in connection with a firm of contractors, with which he had relations, have robbed the public treasury of large sums are matters which, we presume, no one who has read the reports of the investigation can have any reasonable doubt. That certain officers and employes in the Public Works department have been shown to be implicated in these frauds is also admitted. Whether the head of that department, Sir H. Langevin, will be able to come out of this investigation with clean hands remains to be seen. He has solemnly asserted his innocence, and we sincerely hope for the honor of Canada, that the minister may be able to demonstrate his integrity. But we believe that the country will be, and should be, satisfied with nothing less than the most searching investigation of the charges which have been preferred. And though it be made to appear, as we hope it may, that Sir Hector's own hands are unstained by bribes, it will still be for him, as we have before remarked in these columns, "to show how, without any imputation upon his honor or his faithfulness in the discharge of his duties as Minister of Public Works, such a man as Thomas McGreevy could have enjoyed his confidence, and, by means of secret information obtained from the department and other corrupt practices, could have pursued for years a course of systematic jobbery and corruption."

THE PRESENT MONTH HAS BEEN MARKED by certain great conventions held in the interests of education and religion. Our Ontario correspondent in this issue tells us of the 20,000 Americans who came to Toronto to attend the great educational convention recently held there. Our Chicago correspondent gives us some account of the Baptist Young People's convention recently held in that city. The Examiner's correspondent says that "440 churches were represented" at this convention "by accredited delegates, and the entertainment committee had 2,900 names upon their roll." He intimates further that it was the largest, if not the

greatest, convention that Baptists ever held. Next year it is to meet in Philadelphia. But the Baptist convention at Chicago was quite eclipsed as to numbers by the Christian Endeavor convention held a few days later at Minneapolis. Over 12,000 young people are said to have come up to attend these meetings. The exposition building was fitted up so as to provide seats for 14,000 persons. At every session, we are told, the great auditory was well filled, and at times the standing room was occupied, so that at least 14,000 persons must have been present. "It is quite within bounds," says Howard B. Grose in his report to the Examiner, "to say, that never before was there such a gathering for religious purposes. We have no political gatherings that compare in numbers." A spirit of hearty fellowship and Christian enthusiasm seems to have pervaded the meetings. "Enthusiasm did not have to be worked up. It was in the air and the first spark of speech set it in a blaze." The sixteen thousand Endeavor Societies have over a million members, and the average increase is 150 a week. "The reports show that \$2,000 of the associate members of Christian Endeavor were converted and united with the church last year." Next year the convention is to be held in New York.

AN AUDIENCE THAT WAS RESPECTABLE AS TO NUMBERS and still more respectable as to intelligence, assembled at the Mechanics' Institute, in this city, on Friday evening, to hear Principal Grant, of Kingston, on Imperial Federation. The well-known ability of Dr. Grant as a thinker and speaker, his personal acquaintance with all parts of the empire, and his familiarity with its theme, render it unnecessary to say that his treatment of his subject was both able and interesting. From some of the things said by the speaker a good many of his hearers, no doubt, would dissent, but he received a respectful and attentive hearing throughout. Dr. Grant is eminently British in his sentiments and aspirations, and his address could scarcely fail to inspire and confirm patriotic sentiments in his hearers. If, however, any one expected a clear and convincing demonstration of the utility and practicability of Imperial Federation, he must have experienced some disappointment. The address, in so far as it treated of the federation of the empire, partook of the hazy which appears as yet to belong to the whole subject. Imperial Federation will bear and will require a good deal of investigation and discussion before it shall become an established fact. We do not mean by this, however, to intimate that it is not worth thinking about. It represents at least a legitimate subject of enquiry, and there is a largeness about the subject which in itself is wholesome. We heartily applaud the sentiment expressed by the learned lecturer to the effect that an Imperial Federation Club is a much wholesomere place for the young men of Canada than a bar room or a saloon, and that the study and discussion of the subjects with which our country's future is concerned would afford most honorable occupation for their leisure hours. The St. John branch of the Federation League, under whose auspices Dr. Grant spoke, deserves the hearty thanks of the community for affording the people of St. John the opportunity to hear the subject discussed by so distinguished an orator. It will be well if this discussion of the subject is followed by others from a similar or a different point of view.

Ontario Letter.

Midsummer is here again. The schools are closed, the pupils are free from their tasks, and the annual exodus to seaside, lake-side and country-side has begun. These of us who cannot join the procession are active and happy at home, and when the wanderers return they find us here, having carried our own burdens and their's too for a season.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

has come also—and gone. This society is composed of teachers from all parts of the United States, and the meetings are held yearly at points varying by thousands of miles. Last week Toronto was the place of assembly; next year they will go to Helena, in the distant state of Montana.

One cannot help comparing this visit of our American cousins with their last official coming. It was in April, 1813. Toronto was then Little York. The Americans were 1,700 strong, and they came armed for war and were met by the explosion of a couple of powder mines that blew many of them into Lake Ontario. Now Toronto is our provincial capital, the visitors were 20,000 in number and were received with open doors

and hearty hospitality. The hotels were full of them, the college dormitories were placed at their disposal, and many were entertained in private houses.

Then the meetings! If it be true that in a multitude of counsellors there is wisdom, surely those who attended the discussions held in the Mutual Street Rink, including every pedagogic topic from the kindergarten to the post graduate course, will be wise indeed. One feature of the papers and addresses was very noticeable, viz., their emphatically religious tone. We have read so much in certain daily journals about godless schools and irreligious training that we were curious to see ourselves what manner of spirit would appear in these representative men and women who should voice the sentiment of the American educational system. We have heard, and rejoice to learn that the religious element permeates the thinking and writing and speaking of these instructors of the American youth.

THE ASSOCIATIONS

have come to an end. So far as could be gathered from the reports given in the Canadian Baptist, the moneys raised have been—Home Missions, \$10,379.19; Foreign Missions, \$9,896.40; Manitoba; \$129.05; Grande Ligne, \$2,608.89; additional funds, \$2,249; Lorimer Fund of the Eastern Association, \$1,250—total \$26,512.53. These figures are but a partial report. Some of the accounts in the paper gave no financial items, and some of the churches have not yet taken their collections. The additions to the membership were 1510.

EDUCATIONAL.

The Senate of McMaster University held an important meeting on Friday, June 26, when several appointments were made.

In Moulton College a department of calisthenics and physical training was opened and the teacher of elocution was placed in charge. Miss Sauerman, of the Hamburg (Germany) Conservatory, was appointed teacher of music.

In Woodstock College, the professorship of science was given to Mr. Smith, of the Collegiate Institute, Aylmer, Ont. Mr. Smith will also assist in the manual training department.

In the arts department the professorship of philosophy was offered to Rev. Dr. Foster, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

It was decided to invite Dr. Jesse B. Thomas, of Newton Theological Seminary, to take the chancellorship of the university.

OTHER.

Rev. R. McKay, B. A., lately returned from La Grange, Ga., has become pastor at Brampton.

Rev. E. Hooper, M. D., who for four years past has been superintendent of the General Hospital, Kingston, has removed to the Beverley street church, Toronto. A reception was given on Thursday evening, July 2.

Rev. A. B. Lorimer, B. A., has been a busy man this summer. In company with Rev. John McLaurin, he visited the associations from West to East. Then he stepped across the Vermont line and married Miss Livermore. Returning he was ordained in one of the Eastern churches. On Monday evening, July 6, he was set apart for the foreign field in College street church, Toronto. A few evenings later he was given a farewell service in the Talbot street church, London. Mr. Lorimer is a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, in arts, and of Newton Seminary in theology.

The officials of Jarvis street church, Toronto, have maintained their anti-exemption position by paying the first instalment of this year's taxes. Their assessment is \$75,000 on lot and edifice. Strathroy, July 20. P. K. D.

Chicago Letter.

In former letters we have referred to a convention of Baptist young people to be held in this city. It has come and gone; it will be historic. It exceeded even the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. As to numbers, it was with one or two exceptions the largest gathering of Baptists ever assembled in the history of the denomination. The entertainment committee registered the names of 2,500 non-residents of the city. They represented almost every State and Territory in the Union. Illinois was represented by 500 delegates; Minnesota 300; Michigan, 300; and so on, even to Canada.

They filled the great audience room of the Second church, and overflowed and filled the Centenary Methodist church just across the street. A wonderful spirit of harmony and devotion prevailed throughout all the sessions. It was a meeting of great enthusiasm and power, full of young life and thought. The attendance never declined; the interest never flagged from the call of the con-

vention to order by Dr. C. Perrin, till the benediction was pronounced at the close of the second day.

Addresses were made by Mr. J. H. Chapman and Dr. W. M. Lawrence, of Illinois; Mr. M. G. MacLeod, of Kansas; Dr. A. J. Rowland, of Maryland; Rev. J. R. Dixon, of Pennsylvania; Dr. C. R. Henderson, of Michigan; Rev. L. Williams, of New York; Dr. J. O. B. Lowry, of Missouri; Dr. H. C. Mabie, of Massachusetts; Dr. G. C. Lorimer, of Boston, and many others.

Dr. Frank Wilkins, of Iowa, made a most efficient moderator, and to his wisdom and discretion much of the success of the convention was due. The constitution for National organization was adopted without a dissenting voice. The name adopted for the new organization is the

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF AMERICA

Its national headquarters is Chicago, and its president is Mr. John H. Chapman, of the Western Avenue church of this city. One of the noticeable features of the convention was the presence of brethren from the South. They were there in order to effect an organization that should be national in its broadest sense, and not sectional. Another, was the important positions assigned to young women. In all the national societies (excepting those exclusively women) the trustees and officers are men. But the young people set the initiative in that they made of young ladies their assistant secretary and four of the sixteen composing their Board of Managers.

Dr. S. F. Smith, the author of "America," wrote a beautiful hymn for the occasion, which was sung with great enthusiasm by the large congregation.

The seal adopted by the society is a Maltese cross, upon it a United States shield with the motto, "Loyalty to Christ"; on this in turn an open Bible, and upon the four corners of the cross the letters B. Y. P. U.

The organ of the society is the "Young People at Work," issued by the Baptist Publication Society.

The new society ought to become an immense power, enlisting our young men and women in all our denominational work. A noticeable feature in our denominational gatherings of late years has been the absence of our youth. While the society of Christian Endeavor could muster from ten to fifteen thousand men and women in their prime, our anniversaries were largely composed of the aged, and our board resembled venerable senates.

In the closing meeting Mr. Thomas Urquhart, of Toronto, spoke for Ontario and voiced the sentiments of all present when he said: "Let there be reciprocity in this great movement." We want dear old Canada to fall into line. We are one people; let our motto be, "Loyalty to Christ in all things and at all times."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FIELD DAY

was a great day for our Sunday-school scholars this year. It was held in the midst of June, the brightest month of all the year. About 75,000 members of evangelized schools turned out and spent the day in the parks. It was a sight never to be forgotten. In the park near our own church 10,000 children in holiday attire, with banners waving, bands playing, cannons booming, marched past the grand stand, and then massed for religious exercises, consisting of short addresses and singing. This was the first time the attempt has been made to observe such a day; to gather all the schools for one great demonstration. It was a complete success; not a drop of rain; not a single accident. Try it next year in St. John.

HERE AND THERE.

The Christian Endeavor Society met in Minneapolis on the 9th inst., fully 10,000 strong; the chorus choir numbered 1,600 singers. — Rev. M. W. Haynes, of the Englewood church, this city, has gone on a vacation to Europe. His church presented him with a purse of \$500 for the trip. — Rev. D. D. McLaurin, of New York, preached for the Second church, Chicago, last Sunday.

Dr. Perrin has been preaching a series of sermons on the Jews in prophecy, which have been listened to by large and increasing audiences. — Mr. W. A. Smith, president of the Chicago Baptist Social Union, has been appointed chief of the department of transportation for the World's Fair. Mr. Smith is editor of the Railway Review. — The New Chicago University is in luck again. This time it is in a rift from the estate of the late Wm. B. Ogden, of a sum of about \$500,000, for the founding of a school of science. — Dr. H. O. Rowlands, of the La Salle Ave. church, and a number of laymen, have organized a Baptist Hospital Association for this city. This is something really needed, a house for our sick. It will be located near the University. WESTERN.