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SAINT JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1896.

The death is recorded of Rev. S. D. Phelps, D. D., a former editor of the Hartford Secretary, and of whom that paper says: "He has been a power in Connecticut and a force for good."

We learn that we were incorrect in the statement made last week that every room in Chipman Hall and the Academy House at Wolfville is occupied, as there are a number of rooms in Chipman Hall not occupied.

It appears that a new utility has been discovered in the bamboo cane. It is stated that a bamboo organ has been built for a church at Shanghai and it is said to surpass those made of metal.

On Nov. 15, Dr. E. L. Whitman, late president of Colby University was formally installed in his new position as head of the Columbian University, Washington.

That to aid in securing the nomination and election of such candidates, our friends everywhere are urged to organize Prohibition Conventions, which will take advantage of every opportunity to plan and work for the carrying out of the objects above set out.

That this Convention, recognizing the power of the ballot in all questions of moral reform, and desiring to place on record its appreciation of the work of the temperance women of Canada, for the annihilation of the liquor traffic, is of the opinion that properly qualified women should no longer be denied the right of parliamentary franchise.

PASSING EVENTS.

A SINGULAR and sad case is that of Rev. Frank Hyatt Smith, of the North Avenue Congregational church, of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Smith became pastor of the church about four years ago, and during the greater part of that period seems to have been highly esteemed by his people generally for his ability as a preacher and other excellent and attractive qualities.

At the last meeting of the Hants County Auxiliary H. M. Board resolutions were passed in reference to two esteemed brethren in the ministry who have recently removed from the county. The brethren of the Board express their high appreciation of Rev. P. A. McEwen who for nearly five years has been pastor of the Windsor church and a member of the Board.

"Facts Italy we learn," says the London Freeman, "that the Grindelwald reply to the Pope's letter on re-union has led to most desirable results. Protestant missionaries in Rome regard the document as a most valuable exposition of Protestant principles and the Rev. H. J. Piggott, who has been for nearly thirty years Wesleyan missionary there, has translated it for the Italian press.

POPE LEO'S famous Encyclical on the subject of Church Union has called forth a letter in reply from the "Patriarch and Holy Synod" of Constantinople. This letter has been published.

Rev. E. J. Grant is we learn spending a month lecturing in the interests of temperance reform and under the auspices of the Nova Scotia Prohibition Convention, in Kings Co., N. S.

The question of damages due to Canadian sealers on account of the capture of their vessels by United States cruisers, previous to the settlement of the matters in dispute between the British and United States governments by the Paris council of arbitration, has not yet been disposed of though it is hoped that it is now in a fair way of being settled.

THE Annapolis County Conference of Baptist churches met at Springfield, Nov. 19th, at 7 o'clock p. m. The first session was one of stirring interest. The attendance large and the devotional spirit prevailed.

ONE of the greatest and most widely known of New England mercantile houses is that of Jordan, Marsh and Company, of Boston. The history of Mr. Eben D. Jordan, the senior partner of the firm, who has recently passed away at the age of 73, would doubtless be interesting and instructive reading for young men who have their fortunes to make.

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"The Love of the Spirit." We know God loves us; the Bible is full of definite expressions of His love. Our Saviour made statements in so many ways of His boundless love for His disciples, and for all who should be His disciples in all times.

When we understand the Holy Spirit's work for us, the possibilities of our lives when He dwells in us as a consuming fire, and anoints us for service, as the King's Ambassadors, that charming passage in Canticles takes on a new radiance.

Annapolis County Conference.

The reports from the churches showed that good work had been done and that the pastors live in the love and esteem of the churches.

The blessing of God in conversions has not been withheld. Since last report 128 have been baptized. The spirituality of the churches is such as to elicit gratitude.

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taste and modern arrangements. A modest and generous impulse, who with others had been praying that at the dedicatory services souls might be dedicated to God, and we have reason to believe answer came, for at the evangelistic services a number manifested a desire to be on the Lord's side and asked for the prayers of God's people.

The programme for dedicatory service was as follows: Anthem; Invocation, Rev. S. Langille; Hymn 656, E. S. Locke; Reading Scripture; C. White; Dedicatory prayer, J. F. Eaton; Solo, Miss Webb; Hymn 659, Rev. Mr. Porter; Sermon, Rev. F. M. Young; Prayer, Rev. H. B. Kinley; Anthem, choir; Collection; Hymn 661, Rev. J. H. King; Benediction, Rev. W. McGregor.

The dedicatory sermon brought to the minds of the large audience the fact of Phil. 1-17, "Holding forth the word of life." This the preacher set forth in glowing terms as the christian's business, pointing out how it could be done so as to secure blessed results.

Council of Ordination.

A council called by the East Point Baptist church, convened at East Point, P. E. I., Nov. 17, at 2.30 o'clock. It was organized by appointing Rev. J. C. Spurr moderator and the undersigned as secretary. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. Higgins. The letter by which the council was called, and the records of the church in reference thereto, were read, stating the object to be the setting apart to the ministry, brother A. C. Shaw, (lic.) The following brethren composed the council: Alex. Scott, A. Robertson, T. S. Robertson, Wm. McVane, A. Fraser, and Ezra Kennedy, from East Point; Rev. M. C. Higgins, of North River, Rev. C. W. Corey, of Charlottetown, and Rev. J. C. Spurr, of Cavendish.

The following programme was carried out at the evening service. Sermon by Rev. C. W. Corey; ordaining prayer by Rev. J. C. Spurr; band of fellowship by Rev. M. C. Higgins; charge to candidate by Deacon Alex. Scott; charge to the church by Rev. J. C. Spurr; benediction by Rev. A. C. Shaw.

Brother Shaw continues to do acceptable service for this church with which he has been laboring for the past eighteen months. We trust Divine favor may continue to rest upon the East Point brethren in their further co-operation with the pastor. This is one of our denominational churches and we are delighted to have such churches and we assure the brethren there mean to do more than sustain their record this year. Our needs demand that every interest shall do its best for the Lord, great Kingdom.

W. B. M. U.

NOTE FOR THE YEAR: We are laborers together with God.

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John West, N. B. For the topic and workers at Bobbit, that the darkness may come away. For Mrs. Church's school, that those young men who are enjoying the way may find Christ and be made faithful workers in His service.

The subject of instructing and interesting the children in Mission work is so important that we feel it should frequently be brought to the minds of our readers. The Sabbath School seems to be the place best adapted for this work for many reasons, and as our sisters form more than three quarters of the Sabbath school teachers, to enlist their sympathies and arouse their consciences on this subject will soon bring about the desired result and every Sabbath school in our land by some method best adapted to their circumstances shall be engaged in Mission work.

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supporting a missionary, native preacher or Bible woman. Nothing creates a greater interest or forms a stronger link between the children and the mission field than to have some definite object for which they may work and pray.

A Missionary Generation. Viewing the present in the light of the past, it becomes evident that if we are ever to have a converted world, we must have a missionary generation.

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Teach practical, definite, actual mission work in the Sunday school. It will not be hard. It is easy for children's hearts which have learned about Jesus to flow out in compassion and helpful longing towards those who know him not.

When we have been gathered to our fathers, who shall take up the work that our hands must lay down? When the grass has grown green above our graves for half a century, the wee toddlers at our side to day shall be the strong men and women of the hour, bearing the burdens which we laid upon them, and heavier burdens as the years go by and the world grows old.

How many more centuries shall roll away before the "kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ"? Before "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied"? Ah! if ever a work commensurate with the need shall be done, it will be by training up the children. They will never forget the lessons in giving any more than they will forget the prayers at their mother's knee; they will never entirely lose the interest thus awakened, even when life's busiest cares crowd their lives. Sow what you wish to reap, and the harvest will not disappoint you.

In how many of our churches is the teaching of missions turned over to bands and societies, of which but few of the children are members? Why should it not be one of the fundamental lessons of the school as a whole? In each Christian denomination why should not the Sunday school take up the actual work which is being done by that denomination? How many of our scholars know how many mission stations we have, and where they are? Is it any harder to make an interesting Sunday-school lesson on India, Japan, China, or Siam, than it is to get up a costumed entertainment concerning those places? It sometimes seems as though the present generation would be entertained to death. Once a month the collection is for missions, perhaps; but how many of the children have any but the vaguest notion as to where the money goes and how much it can do?

It seems as if the church were neglecting her greatest opportunity when she leaves direct, actual missionary teaching out of the Sunday school. Why should not a missionary paper be distributed to the children as well as others? It is fully as bright and interesting. Who knows but wrapped in this may lie the solution of some of the problems that vex the present day? Perhaps some of us know how hard it is to interest men and women in this subject. If then the rocks that is refused to be shaped, let us begin with the clay that can be moulded! After twenty years of such thorough training, would it be possible to say, "Our church is not interested in missions?"

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