

much to be regretted. As its value is largely that of a book of reference on denominational matters, it is highly important that it should be issued as soon after Convention as practicable. No one understands this better than Dr. Creed, its editor, and no doubt reasonable persons will be willing to accept his assurance that the late appearance of the Year Book is due to causes which he could not control. If however proper steps are taken in advance to secure tenders in proper quarters, there should be no difficulty in having the Year Book for next year in the hands of its readers within six or eight weeks of the meeting of Convention. We feel sure that the work of Editor Creed as reflected in the Year Book for 1903 will be appreciated by the denomination. In arrangement and general make-up it is a distinct improvement on previous issues. The proof-reading has evidently been done with much care, though absolute correctness in that respect is perhaps unattainable. The printing reflects credit on the Black Printing Company, Ltd., of Amherst, from whose office the Year Book is issued.

Home Mission Notes.

The Home Mission Board met in New Zion Baptist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 9. A good representation present.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's monthly statement showed receipts from all sources for the month of January amounted to \$322.55 and that \$565.51 had been paid out. The statement for the month of December was, receipts \$469.33, paid out \$533.38. Figures do not lie, these speak loudly. May all our churches hear and give heed, lest our Treasurer be taken with Money Melancholy, which is to be dreaded more than La Grippe.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

The following churches have recently been organized:—**WYOMOUTH BRIDGE**, a small but hopeful band of workers. They are now trying to build a church home. A novel device for raising money is theirs. The decision has been made to form a joint stock company to sell two thousand shares, more or less, at one dollar per share, the proceeds to be a building fund. Dividends—Love, Peace, and Spiritual prosperity. Here is an opportunity for investment. We think it better than oil, prove it.

SYDNEY MINES.—Quite a strong church has been organized in this rapidly growing town. The prospects are that it will soon be able to care for itself and extend a helping hand to others.

In New Glasgow and in Sydney, churches have been formed among the colored brethren which bid fair to be a great blessing in those towns.

CHURCH BUILDINGS.

New houses of worship have been dedicated in Georgetown, P. E. I. and in Sydney Mines. These church homes are a credit to the churches that erected them, especially so as very little debt rests upon them.

GENERAL MISSIONARIES.

Our general missionaries—Baker and White are abundant in labor. A goodly number have been added to the churches. We are sorry we cannot give the exact number. The extremely cold and stormy weather has seemingly greatly hindered the progress of the work.

REGRETS.

We deeply regret that some of our Home Mission Fields are receiving no ministerial labor this winter. Would that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into those fields.

M. W. BROWN

Digby Neck, N. S.

Acadia Seminary Notes.

Dear Mr. Editor:—Matters educational and otherwise have been moving so quietly with us that I had almost forgotten that some word from the "best school in the Provinces," might be appreciated by our own constituency. Our life has tho' quiet been filled with work and good results are being secured.

1. The attendance is gratifyingly large. Including the "College Girls" in residence, most of whom take some Seminary work, the total of resident pupils registered for the winter term is ninety as against eighty-eight last winter. The registration of students resident in the Seminary for the year will be one hundred. The total registration of pupils resident and non-resident will exceed two hundred.

2. The work in all departments is well sustained. There is again in this department a notable increase in the number of pupils in music. This increase is not at the expense of the regular academic work. It is tangible testimony to the high standard of excellence that is being maintained in music. The thorough and artistic work of the pupils who took part in the Pianoforte Recital, the programme of which is appended is a further guarantee that the goal aimed at is efficiency, not display merely.

PROGRAMME.

Theme and Variations, Op. 142, No. 3 Schubert
Miss Hazel M. Wortman.
Sonata, Op. 22, First Movement, Beethoven
Miss Edith Spurden.

Love's Dream, No. 3 Liszt
Etincelles, Op. 36, No. 6 Moszkowski
Miss Alice Celeste Huntington.
Kamennoi Ostrow, Op. 14, No. 22 Rubinstein
Miss Mary Woodman
Pastel, Feux-follets Philipp
Miss Gertrude Henderson.
Reverie, Op. 34, No. 3 Hoffmann
Voices of Spring, Op. 32, No. 3 Sinding
Miss Lillian Strong.
By Moonlight, Op. 139, No. 3 Bendel
Miss Faulein Price.
Polka de Concert, Op. 1 Bartlett
Miss Lavinia Lewis.
Concerto, Op. 16, First Movement Grieg
Miss Evelyn Durfee.
Orchestral parts on Second Pianoforte by Mr. Maxim.
God Save the King.

Two other Recitals of interest have been given. The report of the earlier, the Faculty Recital, evidently failed to reach you or was not available. The other, the Maxim's Organ Recital, as did the former, confirmed our judgment of those who took part, as artists of no mean repute.

Recently the Seminary pupils have been favored with an illustrated lecture on India by Dr. Boggs, and earlier in the year an address on Africa by Mrs. Estey was much appreciated. An effort is being made to quicken the interest of the girls in missions; and to this end, besides the regular monthly meetings, arrangements are being completed whereby a native worker on our own Telegu field will be educated by money raised by the Seminary Y. W. C. A.

4. Miss Chapman, the Director of Art in the Seminary, is giving a series of lectures before the Wolfville Art Club, embodying her own notes and impressions taken during her tour of the principal art centres in Europe. The lectures are much appreciated. Miss Archer will give her Pupil's Vocal Recital, March 18th, and Miss Lynds Pupil Recital in Elocution one month later. Other events of importance are two recitals by Edward Barter Perry, the famous pianist, and the Musical Festival by the Acadia Choral Club under the direction of Mr. Maxim in April and May.

5. The omnipresent gripe has not passed us by; but though very prevalent its attacks have not been very severe nor prolonged. Otherwise the health and comfort of the pupils have been well maintained through a very trying winter.

6. Our teaching staff now numbers seventeen. Prospects for next year are very bright. H. T. DEWOLFE.

Notes From Rochester.

DEATH OF DR. PATTISON.

Last spring the friends of Rochester Seminary rejoiced at the financial prosperity of the institution, and at the forward step made by the appointment of two new professors. With sorrow we report the serious loss that the Seminary has sustained by the sudden death of Dr. Pattison, for so many years the beloved professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology. He had been laid aside from work for about three weeks, but until within three days of his death no danger was apprehended. But suddenly the sickness developed into a severe attack of pneumonia, with complications due to organic weakness of the heart, and in spite of all that medical skill could accomplish he passed away early Saturday morning, Feb. 13. The youngest son, Frank, who is attending Acadia this year, did not reach Rochester until about an hour after his father's death. The eldest son, Rev. Harold Pattison, of Hartford, Conn., arrived on Thursday.

The funeral was held on Monday morning, and by the wish of Dr. Pattison was private, only the faculty of the Seminary being present in addition to the family. A memorial service, however, will be held in the chapel on Monday, Feb. 22.

Dr. Pattison was born in England, on Dec. 14th, 1838. He studied at Regent's Park College, London, and afterwards held pastorates at Middleton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Rockdale. In 1874 he came to America and became pastor of the First Baptist church, New Haven. In 1879 he went to Albany as pastor of Emmanuel church, leaving there in 1881 to become professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology at Rochester. Here he has impressed his personality and mental characteristics upon succeeding generations of students. Many graduates of Rochester in the Maritime Provinces will feel a sense of personal loss when this news reaches them. Wherever known he was loved. His genial presence and kindly wit made even the drudgery of the class-room (for every subject contains something of drudgery) seem pleasant and interesting. He will be sorely missed.

The matter of a successor has scarcely, we presume, been considered as yet. Rumor of course is busy with suggestions, but there is as little foundation for these surmises as is usual in such cases. The work of the department is being carried on without disturbance, some of the classes being taken by Dr. Stewart, Dean of the Faculty, and some by Dr. Barbour, pastor of the Lake Ave. Baptist church. Dr. Barbour, as some may remember, distinguished himself last year by refusing a call to Tremont Temple, Boston.

Rochester, Feb. 17.

R. J. COLPITTS.

Letter from Rev. J. A. Marple.

As I have been asked by a friend in the East why it was I did not send a note to Messenger and Visitor I would

certainly do so if it would be the means of sending more men and money to this wonderful field.

At convention last year I met Supt. Stackhouse who asked me if I did not wish to try the west for a while. I told him that I had been working pretty hard for some time and had been thinking the matter over and perhaps I would. He assured me that if I came he would give me harder work than I had done before. Can truly say Bro. S. has kept his word. For five months I have been trying to do some work along the Zoo line from Moose Jaw to North Porlee a distance of 140 miles. We have three organized churches and as many preaching stations as you wish. Our Methodist friends have six men on the same field that I occupy. The Home Mission Board expects to put three men on this field if we can find the men and the means.

We are only touching this great work. A large immigration is expected here in the spring. Supt. Stackhouse and assistant Spt. C. C. McLennan are doing all in their power in every way to advance the Master's kingdom. Bro. Stackhouse is known to you all so I need not say anything about him. Bro. McLennan is one of the most faithful men we have in the field, thoroughly consecrated to the work, a man of excellent judgement, and is laying a good foundation. I know of no field at present that will give as good results for the money spent as the N. W.

J. A. MARPLE.

DEAR EDITOR:—Feeling the great need of a mighty work of grace in the "Institutions" at Wolfville, it seems to me that a concert of prayer is desirable for that object. God hears and answers prayer. Never before in the history of Christianity has the need of divine interposition seemed so great. Bishop Fowler says, "The time for prayer, agonizing prayer, sacrificing prayer, has come. We are only playing with this matter of saving the world. We, as a church, have not straightened our traces on this load. Our first need is prayer, prayer, mighty prayer! that our eyes may be opened that our hearts may be opened, that our pockets may be open d!"

Fathers and mothers and pastors of churches, may we not meet each other at the mercy throne each Friday evening and ask for a marvellous display of his saving grace in our schools?

The wail of the lost is borne to my ear,
As it comes from the souls that to Jesus are dear;
And raising my eyes I see His sweet face,
As in pitying love He wept o'er our race.

Let the light of Thy word in the darkness arise,
Let the dew of Thy grace descend from the skies.
Oh hasten, dear Lord, that blest promised hour,
Of thy people made willing in the day of thy power.

Subscriber's Sayings.

Rev. J. W. W., Guelph, Ontario.—"We value the paper very highly as a visitor to our home featuring editorials which are helpful and tidings from the churches in which we are interested."

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W. A. P., Nictaux Falls, N. S.—"Wishing you every success in your good work."

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W. R. W., Port Hawkesbury, N. S.—"While renewing subscription I must express my appreciation of the M. and V. Have taken it for two years and feel that I cannot do without it."