

The common strawberry is a natural dentifrice. Its juice without any preparation dissolves the tartarous incrustations on the teeth and also makes the breath sweet and agreeable.

To polish wood take a piece of pumice stone and water, and pass regularly over the wood until the rising of the grain is cut down; then take powdered tripoli and boiled linseed oil and polish to a bright surface.

The value of pepper was known of old. We read that when Rome had to be ransomed from its barbarian conqueror in the year 400, Alaric demanded 3000 pounds of pepper among the payments and that Hippocrates used it in medicine, applying it to the skin.

To drive out the mosquito, Consul Plumacher, of Maracaibo, advises the planting of castor oil beans in yards and about buildings. He says he knows from personal experience that where the castor oil bean grows no mosquito or other blood-sucking insect will abide.

Maine Baptists.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. A. T. Dunn, D. D., secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board of Maine, plans on being present at the approaching session of the New Brunswick Convention at Hartland. For many years we have been anxious to meet representations of the Maine Board as there are certain stations in connection with the St. Leonards and St. Francis fields which lie over the Maine line and should one think be fostered by the Board of that state. Doubtless arrangements can be made for the satisfactory working of these fields in the future. Dr. Dunn forwards the minutes of the Maine anniversaries, containing full details of Home Mission work and also general statistics. There are in the state 245 churches, with a membership of 19,829. These are grouped in twelve associations, the minutes of which are published with the reports of the convention. We notice that the Home Mission Board gave assistance to seventy churches, in sums ranging from \$20 to \$225, netting a total expenditure of \$4,077.25. Our brethren across the line with a church membership not a little larger than our own, support a college with four academies in various parts of the state. In this respect they set us a most enviable example. Colby College, located at Waterville, has a well equipped faculty and receives the generous support of her constituency. In the academic department they have Coburn Classical Institute at Waterville, Hebron Academy in a delightful interior town, Higgins Classical Institute at Carleton, and Ricker Classical Institute at Houlton, only a few miles from the Carleton County line. These institutions are doing a grand and noble work for our brethren in their educational service.

In a note to the secretary of our convention Dr. Dunn says, "I hope to attend the annual meetings of your convention and it now looks as though this date is Friday, September 13th, and continuing over Sabbath, and that the place is Hartland, Carleton County. I do not know just where that is, nor how best to reach it. Among my many deficiencies of all kinds I must class my ignorance of the geography of New Brunswick, never having visited there at all, and never having stepped foot on it except on the extreme western border, so you will have to give me instructions. It is my purpose to be in Eastport, Washington County, on Thursday, September 12th, and I shall go from there to you. I shall look forward with pleasure to meeting you and the brethren of your convention. May God bless you in all your work, and in your preparation for the coming meetings. I send our minutes, please send yours.

The sessions of the Maine Convention come just two weeks later than ours. Their last annual meeting was held at Yarmouth beginning September 26th. Among their present ministers we notice the names of the following who were once settled in New Brunswick; H. A. Charlton, at Easton, J. A. Ford at Eastport, Geo. F. Jenkins at Appleton, and F. S. Todd, at Brunswick. We hope to cultivate a more intimate acquaintance with our brethren across the line, who are one with us in the great work in the Master's Kingdom. Dr. Dunn has consented to give an address on Home Missions at Hartland at the public meeting on Saturday Evening, and we shall look forward with much eagerness to the enjoyment of a treat on that occasion.

Ordination.

The council called by the Tobique Valley Baptist church to consider the advisability of setting apart to the gospel ministry, by the laying on hands, their pastor Charles Sterling, met on the 7th inst. Woodstock, Hartland, Florenceville, Andover and Connor's Baptist churches were represented.

Rev. A. H. Hayward was chosen moderator. Mr. Sterling being called, gave an account of his conversion, call to the ministry and view of Christian doctrines. After being closely examined on a number of important questions, the council was unanimous in its decision to proceed with his ordination.

Rev. W. S. Martin preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Charles Henderson gave to him the right hand of fellowship, Rev. A. H. Hayward the charge to the candidate, Rev. Mr. Wetmore the charge to the church and a prayer was made by the writer.

Pastor Sterling is doing a good work and we trust he will have the prayers of all our brethren in the ministry.

D. W. DENMINGS, Sec'y.

Keeping Young.

A sore temptation to the aged is a tendency to querulousness and pessimism. Losses are unduly magnified and gains are not rightly appreciated.

While we cherish and cling to many of the things that are old, and all are the better for having been well tested, let us not seek to put our eyes in the back of our heads and live only in the past.

Keep step with the times; keep sympathy with young hearts; keep in touch with every new born enterprise of charity and in line with the marchings of God's providence. A ten minutes of chat or play with a grand child may freshen you more than an hour spent with an old companion or over an old book.

Above all, keep your hearts in the love of God and walk in the sunshine of Christ's countenance. Our "Indian Summer" ought to be above the most golden period of a life consecrated to him who brought us with his precious blood.

Eye hath not seen, tongue hath not told
And ear hath not heard it sung,
How buoyant and fresh, though it seem
to grow old,

Is a heart forever young.

REV. T. L. CUYLER.

Gluttony.

Gluttony is a prolific source of disease. The excess of food taken in clogs the system. The natural process of blood purification is defeated. Some portion of the five hundred grains of urea which should be eliminated in every twenty-four hours is retained; the kidneys suffer; the liver grows lazy; the skin becomes dry; the tongue parched and pasty. Biliousness ensues. Dyspepsia develops. Headache follows. Neuralgia becomes chronic. There is nervousness and despondency. Tumors grow, and our glutton is an invalid for the rest of his life.

Every mother and every wife should know that many a drunkard is made by overseasoned food at home. An irritable condition is established, which imperiously demands that the stimulation shall be kept up. There comes into existence an irritation of the delicate membranes which only more excitement can satisfy.

Lord Byron knew 'the very devil' was in the hot dishes he carved, but was at last 'willing to go to Tobbet for the privilege of indulgence.'

Often it is only by keeping harmful things out of sight that men are prevented from imbibing them.—*The Home Queen.*

A Grecian Legend.

There is a legend that, upon one occasion in the latter days of Greece, when all practical faith in the gods had died out of the minds of educated people, a prize was offered to the sculptors of Greece for the best statue of a certain god; and down in the countryside, somewhere by a marble quarry, there lived a country lad who still believed in that god, and for love of him desired to make the statue.

He chose a block of marble and hewed away manfully. He had before his mind a beautiful ideal of the grace and majesty and power of that god; but when he had wrought his best he made made a very crude statue indeed.

And the legend says that his god, seeing his endeavor, when the trial came and the experts were laughing at his crude thing which the boy had shaped with clumsy hand but believing heart the god himself entered into that pathetic marble failure, and then all the harsh lines flowed into perfect symmetry, the head was lifted proudly, and the marble glowed with all the nameless grace of life.

This legend out of ancient Greece faintly shadows forth the actual fact for you and me today, that God the Son is within us. He entered when we believed. He is now asking from us yieldedness to Himself—*C. I. Schofield, D. D.*

Religious News.

ANDOVER, N. B. About three months ago our esteemed Brother Marple spent a few days with us at Aroostock Junction and three young women were baptized.

R. W. DENMINGS.

MEDUCTIC. The Lord has favored us. Have been holding services with the 3rd Canterbury church. Three were baptized last Sunday morning. In the afternoon at Canterbury we preached to a crowded house, after the sermon two promising sisters were buried with Christ in baptism. We expect others to follow and unite with the first named church. Pray for us.

C. N. BARTON, Pastor.

August 6th.

DORCHESTER, N. B.

Following the revival the people of Woodhurst, a section of the 1st church, at once put the meeting house in the hands of the carpenters and painters with charming results. The walls of the interior have been tinted and transforms the appearance of the audience room. New platforms, a new pulpit and new carpets are some of the features. The exterior has been painted with two coats of white paint. A new platform at the entrance, and the tinting of the windows glass the entire property a new appearance. The renovated property was rededicated on Sabbath, August 4th. After putting forth many efforts we succeeded in getting a Baptist preacher to assist us in the exercises. Rev. Mr. Lamb, the Presbyterian pastor at Dorchester, preached an admirable sermon in the morning, the pastor in the afternoon. Mr. Baird (Lic.) a ministerial student from Acadia College, preached in the evening. The combined offerings reached nearly \$60, and with what the Committee had on hand the expenses have been paid. We thank God for a steady advance in all lines of work. After a little let up we hope to open up a more vigorous campaign in the early autumn.

B. H. THOMAS.

In 2nd Elgin the church has 2ND AND 3RD ELGIN purchased a parsonage in a CHURCHES A. CO., central part of our field.

N. B. The prayer meetings and Sunday Schools are fairly well maintained. 3rd Elgin. It was our privilege on Lord's day, 14th July, to baptize a mother of whom we baptized three sons recently. How true it is God makes use of children to lead parents in paths of duty. Also Lord's day, 28th July, we baptized Arthur Leema, a promising young man. So the work goes on. Brethren pray for us. I. N. THORNE.

The Sunbeam Mission Band, First Harvey Baptist Church is now in a flourishing condition, with a membership of about forty-five. At the beginning of the year for various causes the Band was in a dormant condition, but for the last few months the interest has revived. We have had our annual concert, at which a collection of eight dollars was taken. The monthly meetings which are held Sunday afternoons are well attended and full of interest. The amount raised during the past year is \$10.78. Trusting that in the year to come the Band will be true to its name "Sunbeam." Bessie Terris, Secretary.