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—Rev. W. C. RIDEOUT, one of our aged and highly respected ministers, who for many years had labored in the gospel in different parts of the Maritime Provinces, passed away from earth at his home, Wilmet, N. S., on the 8th inst. An obituary sketch of the deceased will be presented in a subsequent issue.

—The Chapel Car has become quite a recognized institution in connection with evangelistic work in the West. The car which the American Missionary Baptist Society has had in use the past year has been so successful a success that another has been provided by the society for work on the Pacific coast. A New York gentleman has offered to provide a third car on condition that a fourth shall be furnished by other individuals, or by the denomination. During the anniversary at Denver, the society went in a body to the Union Station to dedicate the new car. It was named "Emanuel."

—In view of the fact that the question of a separate Convention for New Brunswick has already been very fully discussed in this journal, and in view of the action taken at the Brussels street meeting of May 31, the Executive of the Board of Directors have advised that, pending the action of the Associations and the Convention in the matter, the columns of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR be not re-opened to a discussion of the subject. In this the editor fully concurs. Any brethren who have recently sent us articles on the subject may therefore take it for granted that the decision not to publish them is based on this general reason.

—The notice respecting the meeting of the N. B. Southern Association, published in this issue, was sent in for publication last week. Afterwards Mr. Malder's note was received intimating that it was the duty of Mr. Wiggins, as assistant clerk, to notify the churches of the meeting. Mr. Ingram was then out of town, and being unable to confer with him before going to press, we judged it best to withhold the notice. Mr. Ingram subsequently informed us that he was appointed clerk of the association at its first quarterly meeting, and had been acting in that capacity through the year, but said he would write to Mr. Wiggins in reference to the matter that he might send the notice if he judged best. As no other notice has been received and no further word in reference to the matter, we publish to-day the notice previously sent.

—The American Humane Education Society offered three prizes of \$200 each for the most interesting and useful stories on "The kind and cruel treatment of domestic animals and birds." One of these prizes was for the Southern States; one for the Western States and territories, and one for the Northern States. Miss Saunders, of Halifax, daughter of Dr. Saunders, was a competitor for the prize offered to the Northern States. The examination and judges were Rev. Philip Moxom, D. D., Rev. Edw. E. Hale, D. D., and Heskiah Butterworth, Esq., editor of the Youth's Companion. No prize was awarded to the competitors from the Western States, as no story from that section of the country came up to the required standard in literary merit. Miss Saunders took the Northern States prize. The readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR—to whom Miss Saunders' ability as a writer are not unknown—will unite with us in congratulating her upon this triumph of Canadian talent.

—It is not surprising if a subject of the Russian Tsar finds something to astonish him in democratic America. Prof. Dimcha, who is head of the University of St. Petersburg, has paid a visit to Chicago and the World's Fair, and has seen some things to cause him to marvel. The women of America have particularly excited his wonder. "They are very strange," says the professor; "I do not understand them. They are not like our women at all. They are as great as the men. I come to Chicago. I look around me. I see a great building. I am told it is the Women's Temple. I am surprised. Such a thing would be impossible among the Russian women. I go to the great exposition. There are many large buildings. There is one as great as any there. I ask what it is. They tell me it is the women's building. I am astonished. The women are everywhere. They do as much as the men. They have held a wonderful congress. I have been much interested in their addresses. They are very daring. They talk of social emancipation. They project in so many ways. I cannot understand it," he said. "It must be that it is dug to your mixed schools, where girls and boys all sit and study together."

PASSING EVENTS.

THE news from Europe in respect to cholera is on the whole of a reassuring character, and the prospect seems to be good, that America will not this year be seriously threatened with a visitation of the dreaded disease. Some cases of cholera were reported to have appeared in Hamburg a few weeks ago, but if this report was correct, the cases would appear to have been isolated ones. In some parts of France, too, the disease appeared in a somewhat alarming form, but the attempt to stamp it out has to a great extent succeeded, and now only a few isolated cases are reported to exist in France. There is now but little cholera in Western Europe according to reports. Cholera exists in Turkey according to despatches, and probably in some extent in Russia and Hungary. The western European cities are no doubt in better sanitary condition this year, and otherwise better prepared to cope with the disease. The more strict examination of emigrant ships at Hamburg renders it less likely that the germs of the disease will cross the Atlantic, and improved sanitary and quarantine conditions on the American seaboard make the appearance of the enemy on this side of the Atlantic somewhat less to be dreaded. The opinions of eminent authorities on the subject are said to be of an encouraging character. It is to be expected that cholera will appear during the summer in various parts of Europe, and it is not unlikely that in some places it will become epidemic; it may not unlikely cross the Atlantic again as it did last year, but those whose opinion in the matter is worth regarding appear to think that, with proper sanitary conditions and reasonable vigilance, American cities are not likely to suffer much from cholera during the present year.

A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, if well supported and well managed, is unquestionably an institution of great value to any town, and worthy of the patronage and support of all public-spirited citizens. The St. John library, which was first opened to the public on the 18th of May, 1883, and has accordingly been in existence for a decade of years, has, through its commissioners, just presented its annual report; and it is gratifying to learn that the institution is in a fairly prosperous condition. The library had a modest beginning, "but," says the report, "owing to its inherent utility and to the zeal of its numerous friends, its growth has been steady, until to-day it is one of the most flourishing and beneficent institutions in the city." The means of intellectual culture are being placed within the reach of many to whom it would not otherwise be available, and if the use made of the library is not in the wisest possible, there can be no doubt that the opportunities which it presents are a real boon to many, and its influence for good, it may be hoped, will increase with the passing years. The report informs us that the commissioners have given great care to the reference department of the library, and they are glad to be able to report that it is fairly well supplied with works of great value to students and others. It is worthy of especial note that these costly works—almost without exception—have been freely given by generous friends of the library. The number of books added to the library during the past year was 565, making the total number now on their shelves 8,891. There were also 163 books purchased to replace others which were no longer fit, from ill-usage, to be released. The number of new cards of admission to the privileges of the library issued during the year was 248, the total number now being 3,612. The number of books issued was 21,890. The running expenses for the year have been a little over \$1,200, and some \$1,400 have been expended in books, magazines, reviews, binding and a new catalogue. The account shows a balance due treasurer of \$822, but it is hoped to square the account by the sale of 700 catalogues now on hand. The property of the library is set down at \$17,000, of which \$12,000 is in books, bound and unbound, \$1,000 in furniture, &c., and \$4,000 in debentures. The fact that not a single volume has been lost during the year is greatly to the credit of Miss Martin, the librarian. A rule requiring a deposit of \$5 from casual readers is reported to have worked admirably. The library will be closed during July, but the reading room will be kept open during the year. For valuable publications donated to the library during the year the commissioners present their thanks to the following named gentlemen: Dr. F. E. Barker, Joseph Allison, J. R. Ruel, Dr.

W. W. White, Simson Jones, Hon. Jas. I. Fellows, S. D. Scott, Royal Society of Canada, G. Ernest Fairweather, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, F. P. Starr, State Librarian of Michigan, Secretary of United States Navy, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Naval Observatory, Washington, Geo. F. Matthew; J. D. Short, Railway Department, Ottawa; R. O'Brien. Several donations have been received from anonymous sources.

Halifax Correspondence.

The churches of the Central Association meet with the First church at Halifax, on the 24th inst. The year's work will be reviewed. Forecasts will be made for the year to come. The churches of Halifax will report a prosperous year. Since the Rev. D. G. McDonald took charge of the North church in the early autumn, about sixty have been added by baptism and ten by letter. The Sunday-school numbers about two hundred and seventy-five scholars. The church has engaged a lady missionary, who visits the families connected with the mission station in the North End, under the control of the North church. This lady has visited 175 families. Seven young ladies, at the request of the pastor, have been engaged in mission work at the North End, in the congregation and in destitute families outside the congregation. This is proving very profitable both to the laborers and those whose welfare the laborers seek to promote. They distribute tracts and keep up reports to the pastor. The visit of the Rev. J. W. Manning and Mrs. Manning has greatly refreshed the spirits of all their friends in Halifax. Mr. Manning preached on Sunday in the absence of Mr. McDonald, and administered the Lord's Supper. Two of the veterans in the church have passed away to their eternal rest—John F. Crowe and Mrs. Philip, mother of the Rev. R. R. Philip. The church is in a harmonious and prosperous state.

At the West End church the state of things is encouraging. Rev. Mr. March is in the affections of the little flock. The services are well attended. Two have been received by letter. The Sunday-school has 94 names on its roll. The average attendance is 52. The growth of this church will be necessarily slow, but it is an important point to hold.

Rev. A. C. Chute has baptised twelve in the First church. Eighteen have been received by letter. Last year it was estimated that twenty-five per cent. of the resident members attended prayer meetings. This year it is estimated that thirty-five per cent. attend. Two candidates are now asking for baptism. One is from the Blind School. Dartmouth has had a successful year. Ten have been baptised and five received by letter. The Sunday-school numbers 115 scholars. Two of the useful and highly esteemed members of the church have passed away—Mrs. Charles Weeks and Mr. Ebenezer Inzer. The prayer meetings are well sustained and are filled with spiritual fervor. Rev. W. M. Smallman has resigned his charge of the church. It will take effect about the middle of August. He will go to Newton to take further study in theology. The best of harmony has existed between pastor and people. On Wednesday evening, after prayer meeting, the church presented their pastor with a purse of \$52 and a certificate of membership in the Annuity Fund. Dartmouth church is noted for its liberal giving and activity in Christian work.

The Tabernacle has come into fair weather at last. A serious trouble has been in the church since the vacancy in the pastorate, which was filled by the Rev. W. E. Hall—the man for the place. The new building, so long holding back, surrendered when Mr. Hall came on the ground. It knew there was nothing else to do but go up, and up it went. The spiritual structure, too, has been growing. Thirty-four have been baptised and eighteen have come in by letter. The cloud, so long over the church, has gone, and the bright sun now shines. Peace and harmony prevail. The Sabbath-school, numbering about 200, never before in organic connection with the church, has of late come into this normal relation, and the outlook is most refreshing. Last Sunday evening Chas. S. Margeson was ordained deacon by the pastor, assisted by the Rev. M. E. Fletcher, missionary-elect for Bermuda. He goes out under the American Board.

Rev. H. H. Johnson is still working hard in the Cornwalls street church. Six have been received by baptism and two by letter. There are now four candidates for baptism. A most worthy member, Charles A. Cooper, has lately died, after a long illness. The church

is moving to repair their place of worship. The cost will be about \$1,000. An appeal will be made to the citizens of Halifax to help this church. The Rev. George Carvery (colored), of Preston, has lately passed away. He was advanced in life and will be greatly missed.

All the churches in the city are glad that Rev. M. W. Brown has taken charge of the St. Margaret's Bay District. Mr. and Mrs. Brown like the field and the field likes them. Fifteen have been baptised at the head of the Bay. The prospects at the other stations are good, especially at Dover. Deacon Fader, at the head of the Bay, has, in his advanced years, renewed his youth. The people are about to build suitable stables in connection with the parsonage at French Village.

Mr. L. Slauenwhite, student of Acadia College, has Hammond's Plains, Lucas Settlement and Sackville. The outlook on this field is good. Mr. H. Y. Corey has Fall River and Bedford. Mr. Bishop is at Jeddore. I have no late intelligence from that field. The Ministerial Conference and the Halifax District Committee held their meetings on Monday morning at the Book Rooms. Beside the Halifax ministers, Mr. H. Y. Corey and Rev. M. E. Fletcher were present. Mr. Corey has just entered upon his work. Among other things, the district committee recommended to the association that the Home Missionary Board should co-operate with the district committees, appoint missionaries in the several districts on their recommendation, and put the missionaries under the supervision of the district committees. This committee has done good work in the past year. Work has been done for the colored churches at Africville, Beach Hill and Hammond's Plains. One thousand dollars was the amount this committee recommended as the sum to be collected for the missionary Centennial Fund by the churches in Halifax county. Efforts have been made to raise this amount. The ladies have been busy in their successful work during the year.

Careful arrangements are made for the association. REFLECTOR.

Associations.

There is a matter I want to say a few words about in our paper, before the associations. It will do no harm if it does no good, and who knoweth? A reform is needed, and "small beginnings," etc., you know. We all know that there is often a difficulty in finding at the association that delegate who is entrusted by his church with a cordial invitation to the association to "meet at our house next June for a week, and bring all the children." Sometimes it has taken nearly a year to find him, and when found he was not eager to extend an invitation. The question used to be asked, "Why is it thus? But the reason of so much timidity on the part of said delegate, or rather the church that didn't send him, is so well understood at the present time that no questions are asked. Now I know where several such delegates are hiding, and a few hints may be helpful in finding them.

At the present time there are many that look upon the association as a great yearly picnic, to which whoever wants to may go at cheap rates and be entertained free and have what they call a good time generally. This is carried to such an extent that four or five hundred people gather at some of the associations, largely composed of those who take no part and very little interest in the business of the association.

Now there are very few of our churches outside of the towns that can accommodate so large a company, and invitations are not sent. How would a new order of things like this work? Let each church hold some meetings at home and see what questions they want to ask for themselves, and then those questions of importance likely to come before the association, such as separate Convention, etc., and settle on a verdict. Then secure the man in the church best calculated to debate those questions, and give him his orders and send him with the pastor to the association. Perhaps the man best calculated to represent the church cannot afford to go. Then let the church bear his expenses. He is the messenger; why not pay him? Then there would be a council of picked men from all the churches ready for business, and that number would be most welcome at almost any church. Try it and I will guarantee there will be plenty of invitations.

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"As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you."—John 9: 21.

PRAYER POINT FOR JUNE:
For our Associational gatherings, that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit may be felt in a marked degree, so that liberal things may be devoted for the extension of the Saviour's kingdom.

Provincial Notes from New Brunswick.

In appealing for renewed effort all along the lines, we must call again on our county secretaries. Ascertain, if possible, the standing of each society, either by letter or, what is better, by personal visitation. If the county secretary will then confer with the corresponding secretary, the work may result in mutual benefit.

It was with much regret the resignation of Miss Hoben was accepted. We must ask the sisters of the Fredericton Aid to look after the interests in York county until another county secretary is procured. There are weak societies requiring personal visitations, and there are places where Aids or Buds ought to be organized. Will our stronger societies take this suggestion and work upon it? Sisters, this activity will impart life and health to us, such as we never before have experienced.

We hope Mrs. Estabrooks, assisted by Miss L. A. King, of Port Elgin, will be able to carry on the work our dear Sister Lavers reluctantly gives up in Westmorland Co. The Sackville society has recently lost two of their best workers—Mrs. Josiah Tingley and Mrs. I. C. Harper—both life members. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Of these sisters it can be said, "Their works do follow them." On Sunday evening, May 20, a missionary meeting was held in the Bethel section. The programme consisted of readings, recitations and music from the young people, and addresses from Pastor Warren and Prof. Dalpe and his wife, who were former teachers at Grand Ligne, but are now teaching at Mount Allison University. The collection taken at this meeting was in the interest of some missions. We hope to hear of similar meetings in other places. Miss Fillmore, owing to the claims of other duties, has just sent her resignation. We hardly know how to release this sister. Missions lie so near her heart, the work is a part of her every-day life, and she has proved a successful worker. We pray the way may be opened for her to continue in the service.

Mrs. G. A. Cowan, of Harvey, writes cheering words concerning the interest in Harvey. Where the zeal is alive and there are earnest desires for growth, the cause is encouraging. Sister Pearce, of Queens Co., is kept busy all the time. The women's meetings held during the ministerial conference at Lower Cambridge and Chipman during the winter, were seasons of refreshing. This work is showing its effect upon all the societies around, and a rich harvest may be expected.

From the Woodstock Mission Band we have the following:
The Mission Band in connection with the Albert street Baptist church, Woodstock, held its annual meeting Feb. 13th. The treasurer reported that \$22.08 was received; the amount paid out \$17.08. The secretary reported fourteen meetings during the year—average attendance, 21; enrollment, 50. Held one concert and took the exercises in the Sabbath-school twice on missionary Sunday. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Miss Gilmore; Vice-president, Mrs. Archibald; treasurer, Fannie Fickles; secretary, Kate Saunders; organist, Carrie Scribner. This decided to pay towards Mr. Morse's salary.

The work in the St. John and Fairville societies is hopeful. The interest of the union monthly meetings has been well sustained. The last one was held at the Tabernacle church, presided over by Mrs. Manning. Enthusiastic addresses were given by Revs. J. J. Baker and J. W. Manning. The Corresponding Secretary made a brief appeal to the Tabernacle sisters and the young people for their co-operation in mission work. We are gratified to hear that our President has, since then, been invited to meet with this church to aid Pastor Ingram in organizing a Mission Band. May this prove to be a mutual blessing—in helping others we are always strengthening ourselves. At the last meeting of Executive, it was decided to discontinue the union missionary meetings until September, owing to the fact that so many of the sisters are out of town during these months.

A union Mission Band entertainment was held on the 27th of April in the Leinster St. church, St. John. The attendance was good and the bands well represented. Mrs. J. W. Manning presided. Mrs. York read the Scriptures and Rev. J. J. Baker offered prayer.

The chairman then spoke of the purposes for which the meeting was held; that the bands might see each other and become acquainted; that they might compare methods of work and learn one from the other; that they might stimulate and encourage each other in their great mission work. Reports were read from Carleton, Germain St., Leinster St., Brussels St. and Portland. These reports were very encouraging, and told of good and successful work being done in each band. The entertainment consisted of recitations and dialogues, interspersed with music, also a very interesting letter from Mrs. Archibald to the Germain St. Mission Band. The pieces were well rendered and reflected great credit on those who took part. A silver collection was taken; words of encouragement spoken concerning future work, and the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning. The representation from the Fairville Mission Band was unavoidably detained, so their work was not reported. This band was organized last October, and has temperance incorporated with it. All the members are asked to sign the pledge: "I, _____, hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, that I will neither make, buy, sell, nor use as a common drink, any intoxicating liquors (including wine, beer and cider). Also to abstain from reading bad books, using profane language, and the use of tobacco in any form." One cent per week is expected from each member. The meetings have been regularly held semi-monthly. The pastor's wife is superintendent; but the meetings are presided over by the president—one of the boys of the band. The programme consists of recitations, a short exercise in the rudiments of vocal music, a brief temperance and a mission lesson. The exercises have proved most interesting; inasmuch as the boys found it an attractive place. We are now preparing for a concert to be held some time in June, after which the regular meetings will be closed for a few weeks. A. C. M.

W. B. M. U. RECEIPTS.

Monies received from May 31 to June 13: Westport, F. M., \$10; Caledonia, F. M., \$4; Windsor, to constitute Mrs. Rachel Nalder a life member, F. M., \$25; Anny's Head, F. M., \$10; Digby, F. M., \$4; Canard, F. M., \$5; H. M., \$5; Point de Bute, F. M., \$18; Milton (mite box), for Jesus' sake, F. M., \$1.29; Riverside, F. M., \$5.50; New Albany, F. M., \$7; Mrs. E. R. Black, Amherst, for Edmonton, \$1; West Onslow, F. M., \$12.40; H. M., \$2.70; Port Grenville, G. L. M., \$3.45; N. W. M., \$8.45; Jeddore East, F. M., \$6; 1st Salisbury, F. M., \$7.25; Tusket, F. M., \$5; H. M., \$5.

I regret a mistake which appears in last year's "Reports." Money credited to St. Rond, P. E. I. (new society), should have been credited to St. Peter's Road. This mistake was caused by the remitter not writing the name of place properly. Please be careful and always give name of place in full.

As we are drawing near the close of another year, it is wise not to allow the end to come and then bemoan our condition; but let our women understand now just where we stand financially, while there is time to act and refill our treasury. Our appropriations for this year are \$9,000; sum total of monies received up to date amount to \$4,045.82. We require in order to meet our liabilities \$4,954.68. You will notice not one-half has yet been paid in. I have been unable to send third quarter's instalments to any of our Home Mission Boards. Now, sisters, let us look at, pray and work over this matter fairly and honestly. It is not too much for us to do; but the question is—is the cause of Christ dear enough to our hearts to make us give of our abundance, or sacrifice if needs be for it? I urge upon every member of our W. M. A. Societies to read this statement over carefully, and then prayerfully decide what her fair share of this amount is, and give it "heartily as unto the Lord," in order that out of every nation and kindred and people Christ may gather in His own. MARY SMITH, Treas.

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