

MESSENGER and VISITOR.

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Messenger and Visitor

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It is gratifying to observe that the Foreign Mission work appeals strongly to sympathies of the students at Acadia.

Everywhere in this issue will be found the programme of the Week of Prayer.

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THE PASSING YEAR.

The year has grown old and is ready to depart. The present number of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR completes the volume for 1890.

One lesson of the fleeting years is obvious. The time for work will soon be past. The doors that are open now will soon be closed.

The past will not return. The words which have been spoken, the deeds which have been done during the year are now beyond recall.

The year has not been without its shadows. No year of man's mortal life is altogether bright and fair.

Nevertheless the year has been crowned with the goodness of the Lord. The divine mercy still endures toward sinful men.

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And now a word in this connection in reference to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. It has been a somewhat eventful year for the paper.

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of excellence which the paper had attained have been successful, is for our readers to say. Certainly we are far enough from realizing our own ideal, but we are doing what we can.

The table found in this issue, showing the number added to the churches by baptism in the last ten years, supplies matter for much thought and reflection.

Who knows the number who have turned back into the world, and how far they have gone into sin, after their declaration of purpose to serve the Lord?

Of this large number baptized, some have passed away to their eternal reward. They have finished their labors and are now before the throne!

How much have they done for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom, and how much will they do in the future?

Think of all the toil, prayer and preaching employed to bring these thousands to Christ who have united with our churches in the last decade.

This statement in figures gives encouragement for the future. If God has done so much in the years now so pure, what is it but a pledge that He is willing to do even greater things in the years to come?

The churches are about to enter upon a new year. Would it not be well for all the ministers and members to look over this tabulated statement of baptisms, and enter afresh into this work of leading the perishing to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world?

Carl Lumholtz, the Celebrated Explorer, tells of his Extraordinary Adventures in the wilds of Australia in several articles which he has written for The Youth's Companion.

Home Mission News and Notes.

The 14,000 Baptists of the State of Wisconsin contributed over \$5,000 to missionary work in that State during their last Convention year.

The Baptist Convention of the State of Maine has, in the last five years, assisted forty-four churches in building and repairing meeting-houses and parsonages to the amount of \$65,985.

Our last Board meeting, grants were made to three churches to assist them in their work of building.

PASTORS SETTLED.—Rev. A. Freeman, late of Newport, has accepted the call of the Montague and Murray River churches, P. E. I., and is now at work on the field.

It is a day to look back upon; to date experiences from. Our home was at Toudiar Petta, the headquarters of the American Baptist Telugu Zennah work in Madras.

More pastors needed. Twenty more pastors are needed to supply at once the mission fields suffering for lack of pastoral care.

We have written to nearly all the 26 Maritime Province men studying in theological schools abroad, and the 17 for the ministry in the graduating class at Acadia, to ascertain how many can be secured for settlement in the spring.

No COMMENT NEEDED.—The following from a letter written December 1, by one of the graduates of Acadia, now at Newton Seminary, speaks for itself:

How THE HOME MISSION WORK HELPS.—The following is from one of our men now settled in Manitoba: "I am here for a while at least. My gratitude to the Home Mission Board is none the less for the help it gave me when I could scarcely help myself; and though I used to think you sent me to the hardest possible fields I understand and appreciate your wisdom, and know it was for the best.

Our Treasury is now overdrawn \$148.98, there are orders amounting to \$75.92 still unpaid, and the quarterage falling due at the beginning of February will amount to about \$1,700.

St. John Protestant Orphan Asylum. In making up the estimates for the current year the Directors find that the expenditure will reach \$2,500, with an income of \$1,000, entailing a deficiency of \$1,500.

From Halifax.

The matter of temperance in Halifax has passed another stage in the process of development. The last accounts given in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR left Ross and McKay, the detectives, in goal. They were committed by a justice of the peace who was personally interested in the liquor trade.

My First Sunday in India. It is a day to look back upon; to date experiences from. Our home was at Toudiar Petta, the headquarters of the American Baptist Telugu Zennah work in Madras.

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UPPER GARHOWN, N. B.—The Mission Band, composed of the girls of the Sabbath-school, recently gave concert in aid of the Grand League Mission. The proceeds amounted to thirty-five dollars.

WINDSOR, N. S.—Though the church has been without preaching for the past year, it has not been destitute of good preaching.

Madras, Nov. 17. To the Editor of MESSENGER AND VISITOR: I wish to correct a statement made in last week's paper which was, in effect, that I have decided to go to the foreign field.

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Union Baptist Seminary.

In sending the accompanying acknowledgments, I wish to add that the Seminary has just closed its most successful term. We have had between 70 and 80 boarders, beside our village patronage. On the part of nearly all there has been good attention given to work, and good discipline has been maintained.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS, 1890. B. H. Babbitt, \$1; J. B. Ganong, \$1; Havelock Co., \$3; A. D. Yerr, for Gibson Baptist church, \$40; Dr. L. A. Chiff, \$10; J. Z. Currie, \$50; Gilbert Titus, \$50; Matthew Ferguson, \$5; James church, \$21.90; Southern Association, \$33.91; Prof. Tretry, \$5; F. C. B. Conference, \$14; pledges, \$12 to be collected by Rev. Dr. McClellan; Southern Association, \$10, to be collected by Rev. T. Todd; James church, \$4.75, to be collected by clerk; St. Stephen's church, \$23.80, and pledges, \$45, to be collected by Rev. Mr. Goucher; St. George's church, \$45.30, and pledges, \$11.25, to be collected by Rev. Mr. Pines; Second Falls, St. George church, \$2.00, and pledges, \$14.85. Total, \$518.81. Previously acknowledged in 1890, \$4,329.60. In all, \$4,848.41 for 1890.

J. E. HOPPER, Principal. St. Martins, Dec. 24.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

UPPER GARHOWN, N. B.—The Mission Band, composed of the girls of the Sabbath-school, recently gave concert in aid of the Grand League Mission.

BERWICK, N. B.—Four were baptized into the fellowship of the Upper Blackville church, last Sabbath. It was a time of refreshing for the little church in that place. Others will soon follow.

PENFIELD.—I have resigned the pastoral care of Penfield Baptist church and adjoining interests. During my pastorate here, we have completed a handsome new chapel at Beaver Harbor, and put into operation a new Sunday-school, which we leave in a very prosperous condition.

WINDSOR, N. S.—Though the church has been without preaching for the past year, it has not been destitute of good preaching.

McEwan made reply at some length, passing under review the reasons why he felt called upon to come to Windsor, and the aims he had in attempting to do the work allotted to him.

BELEYE'S COVE, QUEENS CO., N. B.—The old year is almost ended. As we look back over its past record, how strangely it has been intermingled with sorrow, labor and gladness.

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P. S.—A plea Lot 10 realized pay balance d church. So the able church of clear of debt. amount was pro

QUARTERLY I Victoria and M ist quarterly n West Florence Friday evening, Rev. B. H. Thon dresses. Confe p. m. Mission ing; preaching Papers were res and Mrs. W. S. showing the dep heather, and W. M. Aid So spread of the foreign lands, creditable to these good state livered by Rev. B. H. Thon and the writte Sabbath-school at 11 o'clock t preached by the 2nd, the public was held, presen Blakeney chairm mittee, by whom was read, show Sabbath-school with our quart importance of o presented. Rec paper on the re the Sunday-sch on teachers an dress by Rev. G ing Rev. Mr. H lent sermon, whi spirited address pastor, and qui On Sabbath t very large, and We doubt not done. Collectio \$17.05. The ex Sunday-school day afternoon fo Rev. B. H. Thom tary. Our regul held on Saturd the various co A general adva prayed for, and ed for. Our need (D. V.) with Woodstock, D Rev. B. H. Thon preach on Fri Todd, missiona evening. Rev. sermon Sabbat who were prese services: Revs. Geo. Howard, Charlton, J. A Henderson, J. A Thos. Todd. The ville were most ness. The writa evening with pa a meeting for p blessing may de and churches, th harvest season o

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