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cold, the stars are cold, your shining telescope and your glittering lens are cold. The sun is a homely cheering orb, not highly esteemed by astronomers because he compels them to sit up all night. But his brilliant, all-illuminating rays are the glory of the world. They send the currents of life vibrating through the tiny leaves of the forest flowers, and make the lowly beasts of the jungle to rejoice; they bring gladness to the chamber of the sick, and the thrill of noonday vigor to the strong man at his work; through their ancient labors the ship is driven swiftly through the midst of the seas, and through their silent energy today our fields will be freshened by tomorrow's showers. It is the sun that the world wants, and it matters little whether we know the angle of its declination or the lines in its spectrum, if only we may bask in its rays. Then come down sometimes from your lofty station, devout astronomers, and help carry the maimed and helpless from their dark homes out into the blessed glow of God's love. It is well to study the composition of light; but remember its shadows."—Standard.

—The Standard of Sept. 23, contains the following: "It is worth while to add, that it makes comparatively little difference to a young minister's future success whether he is familiar with advanced thought or not, unless he is acquainted with the most advanced thinker of the age, Jesus Christ." . . . Dodge the issue as we may, the only true test of a doctrine is the fruit of that doctrine in human life. Popular instinct is right, though popular judgment is often wrong. If ideas which you are convinced are correct, fail to win acceptance, the difficulty may not be with the ideas, but with your own failure to appropriate them in their largest and richest fruitage to your own personal and spiritual life."—As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. The true man is not known always by the things that he does. One must know the motives by which men are influenced, to form a proper judgment of their characters. Doctrine to be worth anything must become the warp and woof of the life, or else it is of little value. If a man is deeply imbued with the spirit of Jesus and wills to know the doctrine, he will get what he seeks.

—A word about ordinations. A writer in the last issue of the Examiner writes: "There is some difference in views, even among Baptists, owing, perhaps, to relics of the idea of the authority of bishops and councils, the view which seems to represent Scripture teaching and general Baptist usage, is that such ordination is the setting apart to the pastoral office, or to the Gospel ministry, of one who has been called of God for that special work, and that he is therefore ordained or set apart by God. In this belief the man prepares and offers himself for the work. A church makes his acquaintance and calls him, thus setting him apart as their pastor. They may have public exercises of recognition as such, or not, as they see fit. He is, by virtue of their call, authorized to perform all the duties of pastor in that church. But it is desirable that other churches of the denomination should also regard him as a minister of the gospel, so the church calls a council to examine him, and if the action is approved, the council is requested in their call, to co-operate with the church and conduct a public service of recognition. It usually follows that the churches of the denomination accept their decision as sufficient, though any church may afterwards refuse to accept it and if they please may call a council and obtain the disapproval of other churches. The denomination usually accepts the act of such a council, and, as far as the pastoral relation is concerned he is regarded as 'silenced.'" That depends upon the character of the council. There are quite a number of Baptists in these provinces, and indeed the world over, who will not accept the above as a correct exposition of Scripture teaching and apostolic practice. It is evident that the last word on Ordinations has not yet been written.

—There is great diversity of opinion as to the future of the Jew, and many questions are asked as to his relationship to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is asserted with great confidence by some good people that in the future, near or more remote the Jewish people will return to the land of Palestine, and set up a new kingdom with Jerusalem as the capital. This may be true, and again it may not. Dogmatism on such a subject does not

prove anything. We can only express our conviction that the promise will be fulfilled when the children of God shall have been gathered "out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation" into "the Jerusalem which is above," which is "free" and is "the mother of us all," where there shall be no distinction into Jew or Greek, barbarian, Scythian, bond or free, but Christ all in all. As we read our New Testament it does not say that the Jews shall return to Palestine. It does speak of the salvation of "Israel," but not of the Jews. "All Israel shall be saved." But "they are not all Israel that are of Israel, neither because they are the seed of Abraham are they all children, but in Isaac shall thy seed be called, that is they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of promise are counted for the seed." It is probable that the time will come when it cannot be said of the Jews, that, as a people, they are unbelievers, any more than it can be said that as a people the Gentiles are believers. Many Jews have believed, and many more will believe, but when the Jew becomes a believer he becomes an Israelite, as does also the Gentile.

—President Hyde of Bowdoin, affirms that four things are essential in getting a man to preach. These are: the call of God, mental drill, first-hand secular knowledge, individual grasp of spiritual truth. The call is a clear conviction that life, as most men live it, is a wicked waste, a burning shame, a disgrace to man, an insult to God. It is the resolute determination to enlist in this great contest, to show up the meanness and misery of the wrong way so plainly that sinners shall tremble and repent, to point out the winsomeness and charm of the blessed way of Christ so persuasively, that all who see and hear shall resolve to live it too. This call may come in many ways. Enlisting does not make a soldier. The man who will fit himself aright must drill if he shall do the necessary work to which he has been called, just as the soldier or surgeon to fit himself for his duties. It is of little use to preach to a world whose ways of thinking you do not understand. He must make the thought of the age, of his community or congregation his own. The methods in vogue in theological seminary instruction must be changed—and so changed as to bring out the best there is in the student, they must make him think for himself. The young man who at twenty-five is content to take his views from his teacher, becomes at fifty the man nobody wants to hear. The address of President Hyde at the Congregationalist Council was keen and incisive. It was thought-producing and timely. His conclusions would not be accepted by all who heard him, but they were well worth considering. It is time the Baptists of these provinces sought men to fill their pulpits who were qualified by mental training and experience, to fill such high offices in a way that would command the confidence of the thoughtful men and women in all our communities. The need of the hour is more man rather than more men. Let us all try to do our best to meet this great need.

From Halifax

Your Halifax reporter has held his hand while the floodgates of Associations and Conventions were open, and pouring their streams of reports into the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. During this time Halifax has not been startled by any stirring events. Perhaps an unusual number of tourists have found their way to this city, and with kodaks in hand have taken drives through the Park, the Dingle and over Citadel hill; a walk through the gardens, the old Cemetery opposite Government House, St. Paul's and the old Dutch church, built the year the French were driven from Nova Scotia, and through the Parliament Buildings on whose walls hang the portraits of Kings, Queens, and noted men, such as Williams Inglis, Johnstone and Howe; and then paid their hotel bills and departed for fresh scenes of which there is no end in Nova Scotia.

The Exhibition has come, which whether in St. John or Halifax is not allowed to shrink any in the daily papers. This is Tupper day. The great Sir Charles addresses the crowd on the ground.

More than forty-five years ago he met the Great Howe on Nomination day in Cumberland. He was not then a candidate. The old statesman took the measure of the fiery little Doctor. No statesman could have done more talking in private and declaiming in public in these long years than Sir Charles has done. At 78 he is still vigorous. His father's eye was bright and his speech ringing at 84. Well there is danger here of drifting into politics. The editor is not qualified to give advice on this point, for he has been made to suffer of late for partisanship when he was as innocent as Dreyfus.

Dr. and Mrs. Kempton are spending their holidays with their son the Rev. Austin Kempton, at Fitchburg,

Mass. The Rev. P. S. McGregor supplied for him last Sunday. Mr. McGregor's family is still in Halifax. He is engaged in supplying vacant pulpits, while arranging for permanent work in the pastorate. Brother McGregor makes friends and no enemies. He is highly esteemed.

The Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Archibald came directly to Halifax where they landed a few weeks ago. Mr. Archibald did not take his vacation too soon. Mrs. Archibald also needed rest. Zeal for missions is consuming both of them. But Mr. A.'s health is coming up. They talk shop—missions all the time. They have been and still are in this holy business, bodies, souls and spirits. A hearty welcome greeted these loved and beloved missionaries. They have been the guests of J. L. Archibald—brother. It happened that they were present when Miss D'Prazer lectured in the city. The Archibalds speak in the highest terms of the eloquent Telugu who stirred Halifax audiences as she stirred the Convention.

Arrangements have been made for a farewell meeting to the outgoing missionaries, at the North church on the evening of October 4th. The Rev. Z. L. Fash will preside. Brief addresses will be given by Miss Johnston, Rev. J. W. Manning and E. M. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald if present, and the missionaries also will of course be heard from.

The Rev. W. E. Bates preached his farewell sermon to the Tabernacle last Sunday evening. Next Sunday he will, D. V., stand before his Amherst flock. He had a crowd to hear him when he first came to Halifax. He had a full to overflowing house to listen to his farewell words. Large audiences, more particularly in the evening, have heard his unique presentation of the gospel during his year and a half of pastoral work in the city. Mr. W. E. Bates is a wise, peaceable man. It would be a heavy undertaking to get up and maintain a contention with him. It is doubtful if any person ever made a success of such an enterprise. It may have been undertaken but in every case must have been abandoned as hopeless. Mr. Bates said kind, nothing but kind words to his people on the evening of parting with them. He worked through Joshua on his leave taking. Mr. and Mrs. Bates take with them the esteem of Halifax Baptists. All will be glad to hear of large prosperity in Amherst.

The Baptist Book Room Company have found some difficulty in carrying on their work successfully. It became evident that it needed the inspiration and the favorable conditions of a private enterprise. Mr. George A. McDonald, who has been at the head of the business for nearly twenty years has bought the entire stock, \$5000 worth and the good will of the company, and will continue the business on the old stand. It will still be the Baptist Book Room. All will be willing to lend a helping hand to Mr. McDonald in his new departure.

All the ministers, except Dr. Kempton, have settled down to another year's work praying and hoping that it may be one of great prosperity. The ring of this is in their prayers and sermons. The churches, too, desire to be clothed anew with spiritual power. This is much needed, not in Halifax alone, but in all the churches of the Maritime Provinces.

The Rev. G. W. Schurman of Bear River, will occupy the Tabernacle pulpit next Sunday morning and evening.

REPORTER.

A Solution in Part of the Missionary Problem.

The coming of Miss D'Prazer to our churches, and her talented missionary addresses, listened to and reported, must answer in a sure way the question frequently and prayerfully asked, how shall the heathen millions of India hear the gospel of Christ? Here evangelical history repeats itself. In the first missionary tour of Paul and his companions they preached the gospel to the people of Derbe, and one, if not more, of the mixed races of the country heard and believed and was added to the missionary force. To our small endeavor for the evangelization of India it is no small source of encouragement, or doubtful prophesy of success, to find in the race to which Miss D'Prazer belongs ability, when consecrated, just suited to the work our churches now have in hand in the Telugu land. To our dear brothers and sisters who, on account of failing strength are obliged to retire from the conflict, it must be a source of great joy to know that in the native peoples God has His elect, whose commission is apostolic, and whose services shall be efficient for the glory of His great name. In all our purposes and plans for the extension of Christ's kingdom we should not be dismayed or discouraged when the Master breaks in upon our programme. Jehovah has His own way of doing things. He works after the council of His own will, not by our little fussy plans. For ages He has been preparing the people of India for the gospel; and been preparing in India a people to preach His gospel, and His work is appearing in the natives of India and His glory to their children. It is well for us when we can in all humility sit at His feet to learn His will for us; and in all our attempts to expound His will to give pessimism a wide berth.

J. H. SAUNDERS.