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For a Continuous Ministry.

I have read with much interest the letter in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of the 30th ult., with the above heading. It appears to us to be worthy of careful reading and serious thought as it has to do with the prosperity of the denomination.

The Baptists hold, as we believe, that a Christian church is a congregation of baptized believers in Christ "associated by mutual covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel." Such are the churches spoken of in the New Testament. These were "the churches throughout Judea and Galilee and Samaria," etc. All that is done then at our conventions and associations referring to our churches must be advisory. They cannot make their action in any way compulsory. The advice however, coming from those annual gatherings ought to be not only seriously considered but acted upon as these gatherings are composed of delegates from the churches and it is intended for their good. It seems reasonable then that it would be right to formulate a system that would help towards this great need, "A Continuous Ministry," and that that system should be adopted by the churches.

If such a system is formulated, it ought to be stated in it that as far as possible we should have a converted church membership. This is the character that Christ would have the members of churches possess. He would have them the subjects of the new birth. The Baptist polity was given for such a church membership. Let us strive for it by looking as the fathers did for a change of heart. When we have such our church polity does well, when we have it not it does ill.

There are other things that can be named by others that are needful to have incorporated in a system formulated "For a Continuous Ministry." May they be prayerfully considered. J. COOMBS.

Nov. 7th, 1901.

Literary Notes.

SELECT NOTES. A Commentary on the International Sunday-school Lessons for 1902. By F. N. and M. A. Peloubet.

"Select Notes" makes its twenty-seventh annual appearance and certainly is a time-tested book. Year after year, for more than a generation, it has increased and become fixed in favor with the leading Sunday-school workers of the religious world as the clearest and most concise interpretation of Bible truths which there is published. The constantly increasing study of the Bible, both as a book and the revealed word of God, stimulates every teacher and thinker to learn for himself what are the most widely accepted conclusions of the greatest Biblical scholars, and to assist this study has been the sole aim of Dr. Peloubet. In his scholarly preparation of this year's Notes all the former features which have made "Select Notes" so helpful have been retained, and much material has been added, with the aim of making this year's volume of unusual help and benefit to Biblical lovers and students. Special effort in the way of clear type, illustrations, and maps, as well as in careful arrangement of facts and data, has been made to make "Select Notes" a book which can be easily studied. No Sunday-school teacher or older scholar can afford to be without a copy of this book, for in no other way can one secure so great benefits in their study of the International Lessons as by the weekly use of this Commentary. —Published by W. A. Wilde Company, Boston. Price \$1.25.

GLORIA DEO. An Undenominational Hymnal for all Services of the Church. 8vo. Cloth Slides. Leather Back. Price, \$1.25. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

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B. Y. P. U. Attention.

Those who desire to pursue the course of Bible Study now being outlined in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR by Rev. H. R. Hatch, may secure the paper for six months for 50 cents in advance, provided the names are sent us in clubs of six or upwards.

At Charlottetown, P. E. I., Thursday. Enos Hiltz, cook on the schooner Kimberley, was drowned. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. His widow and three children reside at Mahone Bay.

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Notices.

The Queens County Baptist Quarterly Meetings will be held with the Baptist church at Liverpool, on Nov. 26th and 27th, 1901. The meetings are expected to be of special interest.

SAMUEL H. FREEMAN,
Sec. and Treas.
Greenfield, Nov. 8, 1901.

Nov. 24th will be "World's Temperance Sunday." It is fitting that a sermon bearing on this most important subject be preached from every pulpit in our Province. In every Sunday-school the lesson should not only be taught, but, taught with the emphasis that the support of God's word gives it. The Anti Cigarette League of the United States is canvassing not only their country but ours against the use of cigarettes, against which a special appeal is requested to be made on the 24th. They are assisted in their good work by the Temperance Department in the Sunday-schools with its "White Ribbon Army" having its pledges against liquor, tobacco and profanity. May the church see its opportunity in this department for teaching the principles of sobriety and purity of life. Any information regarding this department may be obtained by applying to

MRS. LAURA J. POTTER, Canning,
Prov. Supt. of Temperance in S. S.

The usual annual November meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia University will, D. V., be held in the library of the College, on Thursday the 21st inst, commencing at 10 a. m.

S. B. KEMPTON, Sec'y. Board.
Dartmouth, Nov. 7.

The next session of the Annapolis county Conference will meet in the Baptist church in Torbrook (near Nictaux) on Nov. 25th and 26th next. First session at 7 p. m. Monday. A large attendance and good programme anticipated.

W. L. ARCHIBALD, Sec'y.

The Yarmouth County Quarterly Meeting holds its next session with the church at Gavelton, Nov. 25th and 26th. Every church is requested to send delegates. The programme includes sermons by Pastors McPhee, Miller and Rutledge; the usual business, and a discussion of the Twentieth Century Fund—as to ways and means, led by Pastor Grant; also the usual meeting of the W. M. A. Society.

The next session of the P. E. Island Conference will be held with the North River church on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 9th and 10th. Pastor Whitman of O'Leary will preach Monday evening, and Pastor C. P. Wilson of Cavendish on Tuesday evening. Pastor Calder will read a paper on Tuesday afternoon. It is hoped that every pastor will be present. All who desire to be met in Charlottetown should notify Mr. Robinson Warren, North River, and teams will meet them at the station or at the residence of Pastor Raymond. G. P. RAYMOND, Sec'y.

All delegates to Westmoreland County Quarterly Meeting at Petitcodiac Nov. 12 and 13, will please send their names at once to S. L. Colpitts, Chairman Committee, Petitcodiac.

The Westmorland County Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Church at Petitcodiac, on November 12 and 13, 1901. The meetings are expected to be of special interest. The programme includes, in addition to devotional services and the regular business, a sermon on Tuesday evening, by Rev. D. Hutchinson, and on Wednesday addresses on, How to promote a Deeper Spiritual Life in Our Churches, by Dr. J. W. Brown; How can a True Spiritual Revival be Awakened in Our Churches? by Rev. E. B. McLatchy; Is it better for us to adopt 20th Century Methods in winning Men to Christ? go back to 1st Century Method? by Rev. B. H. Thomas; Are we alive to the Importance of Sunday-school Work as a means of winning the Young to Christ and to the church? by Rev. D. Hutchinson; Should we have a 'Decision Day' if not why not? by Rev. B. H. Thomas; The Twentieth Century Fund, by Rev. D. Manning; Foreign Missions, by Rev. E. B. McLatchy; Home Missions, by Rev. H. E. Saunders.

Spiritual unfolding must mean the largest intellectual growth and progress, the fullest blossoming of the sense of beauty, and the discovery of the true, ultimate moral standard—the law of love. This love includes, but is higher than, justice; comprehends, but is higher than, duty and sacrifice. It will be the motive power, the judge and sanctifier of all relations and transactions.—Mrs. B. F. Mills.

Argument in the Prince Edward Island prohibition case concluded Thursday by Mr. Stuart, counsel on behalf of the applicants for certiorari. Judgment was reserved.

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