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THE NORTHWEST WORK.

No apology, of course, is necessary for our giving so considerable an amount of space in this issue to a special presentation of missionary work in the Northwest and the claims of that work upon the sympathy and support of Baptists in these eastern provinces.

There are many reasons which may be urged why the work in the Northwest should have a liberal support from the Baptists in the older provinces of the Dominion.

The work in the Northwest should have our sympathy and support because it is in line of the fulfillment of our Lord's great commission.

It is of the greatest importance to Canada in a national point of view, that the gospel be preached to this incoming population, that the people be brought under pure religious influences, and that they be instructed in wholesome religious doctrine.

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But the conference and the discussion which attended and has followed it may do good by calling attention to, or at least by suggesting a search for, the cause of this remarkable drift.

The position of the Evangelical churches at the present time, as we have seen, is a difficult one. It is all the more difficult because, as it seems to us, it is in some respects illogical.

It is true certainly that upon our churches in these eastern provinces many and urgent demands are made in the interest of other and important causes.

EVANGELICAL CHURCHMEN AND THE PRAYER BOOK.

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and earnestly desire that in their efforts to uphold the pure and saving truths of Christ's gospel in opposition to teachings and assumptions which, as they and we believe, are essentially unchristian, they may be endowed with the divine strength and wisdom and may achieve the largest and best results.

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Halifax Letter.

The District Committee of the County of Halifax held its monthly meeting on Monday, the third instant. The attendance was very good.

During the latter part of last century and the early part of this century, the Rev. John Burton was pastor of all the colored Baptist churches in Halifax County.

The District Committee visited the Burton church at Preston, and find it reduced to ten members, who have ceased to hold public worship.

Reports were given of work done at Fall River by Deacon A. L. Wood, Rev. J. O. Vince, D. G. McDonald and S. B. Kempton, D. D.

The Rev. J. O. Vince had decided to begin study at Acadia College at the beginning of the next term.

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January for California, where he will reside for a time. This is an unlooked for providence—and disarranges all our plans. It was hoped that the going out of Mr. and Mrs. Corey, accompanied by Miss Clark, would add very materially to the strength of our staff on the missionfield.

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Edmonton, Alberta.

It is now several months since the Edmonton correspondent has occupied space in the columns of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

Some one has said that the legitimate exclusion of erring and impatient members is as good an indication of the progress of the work of grace as the reception of members.

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the east but see these opportunities as some of us see them, the men and the means needed would be straightway forthcoming, and the beautiful fertile plains awaiting and extending out from the noble Saskatchewan, a rich and abundant spiritual harvest would be reaped in the near future.

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Resolved, That this church hereby expresses its conviction that the Seminary at St. Martins should be sustained by the Baptist denomination in New Brunswick, and that the financial burdens and difficulties under which the institution has hitherto struggled should be removed by liberal contributions from all our people.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "Be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded."

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John West, N. B.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER.

For the missionaries at Vizianagram, that their faith fail not and that the seed sown there may bring forth an abundant harvest.

For weak and discouraged workers in Aid Societies and Mission Bands in the home land.

BIRMINGHAM, India July 21st, 1894.

To the W. B. M. U.

MY DEAR SISTERS:—Another year of life among the Telugas has come and gone. It has been a year of joy mingled with sorrow.

It was a real joy to have Somalingam come out, determined to serve God, amidst so much opposition. How wonderfully He does keep those who trust in Him!

In January, a young helper, a gift from the Chicago field came to us, and we thought we saw before him a life of usefulness.

Miss Gray has been having a much needed change for the past few months. During her absence I have had charge of the school. One morning I was much surprised after prayers were over to have the teacher tell me that he could not teach longer on account of his health.

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The following is from a letter from B. Kennedy Mission Board of Ontario in a recent Baptist:

At the Conference putting the others on a list of the first of the mission of our churches as a result of consulting the word of God.

No contributions for the Mission of Ontario are sent to the churches. One of them has four more than the others.

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