This, That, and The Other.

The Baptists of North Carolina held their 56th annual Convention in Reidsville, beginning on the 11th. There were about 300 delegates and visitors present. There are about 1,100 churches, 600 ministers, and 110,000 members connected with the Convention.

The Baptist Union of Scotland has passed a resolution that, as soon as possible, in the interests alike of spiritual religion and political justice, the principle of religious equality should become the basis of legislative measures.

An almanac, 3,000 years old, found on a mummy in Egypt, is now in the British Museum. It is strongly religious in character. The days are in red ink, and it gives probabilities of the weather. It establishes the date of the reign of Rameses the Great. It is written on papyrus.

"The number of immigrants landed on our shores from 1850 to 1880 was about 8,000,000. Of these at least three-fifths, or 4,800,000 were Roman Catholics, which is 46,670 more than the total increase of Roman Catholic population in the same period as given in their Year Book. Full seven eighths of all the immigrants from Ireland have been Papists. The Roman Catholic immigrants from all countries and their offsprings during these thirty years must have amounted to 7,000,000, making no account of those here prior to 1850 and their descendants. But their Year Book for 1881 gives the total Catholic population as 6,397,331, which is 632,670 less than the Catholic immigration from 1850 to 1880, and their natural increase, not to mention the natural increase of those already here in 1850."—*B. B. Tyler, in Christian Evangelist.*

And yet the Catholics would have us believe that they are taking the country.

The question, whether the heathen dying without the gospel are lost, receives new light from the opinion of the heathen as expressed by the venerable missionary, Dr. Ashmore, in a recent address before the Indiana Baptist State Convention. Said he:

"The heathen know that they are lost. There are none among them, unless it should be some few Buddhists, who ever imagine that men are to have any other life than the present in which to prepare for a final destiny. These speculations which have been getting a footing among you, are only that old worn-out paganism which some of us have been fighting for the last thirty years."

When the richest American of his day was in his last fatal sickness, a Christian friend proposed to sing for him, and the hymn he named was, "Come, ye sinners, poor and needy." "Yes, yes," replied the dying millionaire, "sing that for me, I feel poor and needy." Yet at that moment the stock markets of the globe were watching and waiting for the death of the man who could shake them with a nod of his head. "Poor and needy!" How the sand sweeps from under a man's soul in such an hour as that!—*Dr. T. L. Cuyler.*

Episcopalians have 550 colored members in Virginia. The Baptists have about 140,000.

The Berean Baptist Church, New York city (Rev. Edward Judson, D. D., pastor) has had a very prosperous year, having received eighty-five by baptism and made a net gain of 112 members. The membership is now 658.

From the annual report it appears that the army of the United States numbers 2,154 officers and 24,705 men.

We had better learn how to live in heaven before we go there.—*J. Weaver.*

Every step toward Christ kills a doubt. Every thought, word and deed for him carries you away from discouragement.—*T. L. Cuyler.*

It is reported that there are thirty missionaries in India who are sons of missionaries, and thirteen of them are supported by American societies.

Miss Wolff, a wealthy and generous Episcopalian of New York city, has given $76,000 for the erection of a "clergy house" in that city. The building is to be used as headquarters for the diocese, having offices, committe rooms, etc.

The Baptists of Minnesota number only 9,600, one-third Scandinavians. They have resolved to raise for state work at least $9,000, in addition to the $25,000 just raised to endow the denominational school.

The whistle is often necessary, but when all the steam is given to it, the engine does not move. Some people seem to think that their steam power belongs to the whistle. As a consequence, they make a great noise without sense, greatly disturbing the true, faithful servants of the Master, and do really nothing for the good of mankind. Give plenty of steam to the machinery for doing good and blessing the world.—*Z. Herald.*

There are about 6,377,000 Jews in the world; 5,400,000 of these are in Europe, of whom Russia alone has 2,500,000. There are 60,000 in England, and 300,000 in America.

When It Is We Use Praying.

A young woman last year was in great concern about her soul, and I had frequently talked with her. I placed Christ before her very plainly, but she didn't seem to see it. One morning she came to me after service. "Dear sir, will you pray for me?" She was thunderstruck when I said, "No." "But, sir, I am very anxious to be saved; won't you pray for me?" "No." "Oh, sir, you don't mean it." "I do. I have set Jesus Christ before you; if you won't have him there's no use praying; you will be lost. There is no other way, and I don't want there should be any other way. Here I've been all my life learning that way, and if there be another it would be a queer job. Will you have Christ, or will you not?" There was a pause; then she said: "Yes, I will if I may." "May? He has put it, 'He that believeth shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned.' Surely you may have him if there is such a dreadful threatening against unbelief." "Well, I will." "Then let us get down directly, and pray now. If you are willing to obey God's commandment, then we may pray." We did pray, and I am sure that young woman has never doubted she was saved from that hour. If you won't believe in Jesus, all the praying between heaven and earth won't save you. But if you seek him in simple faith, soon shall you say with rejoicing, "I have found him whom my soul loveth, and I will never let him go."—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

Charlotte Elliot's Hymn.

Some fifty years ago that eminent minister, the Rev. Cæsar Malan, of Geneva, was a guest of the Elliots, a well-to-do family in the West End of London.

One evening, in conversation with the daughter, Charlotte, he wished to know if she was a Christian. The young lady resented his question, and told him that religion was a matter which she did not wish to discuss. Mr. Malan replied, with his usual sweetness of manner, that he would not pursue then if it displeased her, but he would pray that she might "give her heart to Christ, and become a useful worker for him."

Several days afterwards the young lady apologized for her abrupt treatment of the minister, and confessed that his question and his parting remark had troubled her.

"But I do not know how to find Christ," she said, "I want you to help me."

"Come to him just as you are," said Mr. Malan.

He little thought that one day that simple reply would be repeated in song by the whole Christian world.

Further advice resulted in opening the young lady's mind to spiritual light, and her life of devout activity and faith began. She possessed literary gifts, and, having assumed the charge of *The Yearly Remembrancer*, on the death of its editor, she inserted several original poems (without her name) in making up her first number. One of the poems was:

"Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God I come!"

The words of Pastor Malan, realized in her own experience, were of course the writer's inspiration.

Beginning thus its public history in the columns of an unpretending religious magazine, the little anonymous hymn, with its sweet counsel to troubled minds, found its way into devout persons' scrapbooks, then into religious circles and chapels, assemblies, and finally into the hymnals of the "church universal." Some time after its publication a philanthropic lady, struck by its beauty and spiritual value, had it printed on a leaflet, and sent it for circulation through cities and towns of the kingdom, and in connection with this an incident at an English watering-place seems to have first revealed its authorship to the world. Miss Elliot, being in feeble health, was staying at Torquay, in Devonshire, under the care of an eminent physician. One day the doctor, who was an earnest Christian man, placed one of those floating leaflets in his patient's hands, saying he felt sure she would like it. The surprise and pleasure were mutual when she recognized her own hymn, and he discovered that she was its author.—*Youth's Companion.*

A Chance.

To Encourage the formation of New Baptist Sunday-schools, a brother has placed with the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., a sum of money with which to supply new, needy schools with libraries. The gentleman has bound the Society by three easy conditions:

1. That donations from this fund shall be made only to new needy schools.

2. That the grant to any one school shall not exceed $10,00 worth of books.

3. That the school shall indicate its earnestness and hope of permanent success by raising among themselves, or in the neighborhood, ten dollars, with which to buy more books. Any school can do this that has energy enough to live.

The schools can make their own selection of *any* of the Society's publications. This holds true, both of the grant, and of the purchase. The grant is reckoned at catalogue prices; on the purchase a discount of twenty-five per cent. is given by the Society.

If it is impossible to organize a new school this fall, preserve this notice and make the attempt early in the spring. We can, from this fund, help fifty new schools every year. B. GRIFFITH, *Sec'y.*

CORRECTION.—Among Convention Funds received, in the last MESSENGER AND VISITOR, Dr. Day has the East Gaston Church credited with $17.50. It should be "from the portion of the East Gaston field upon which G. L. Gates had labored last summer under the Home Missionary Board, $11.35 for Home Missions; West Gaston Church, for Convention Fund, $6.15." Will you please make the correction in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR next week. They are different churches and contributions to different objects. C. H. MANTELL.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

WITTENBERG.—The Lower Stewiacke portion of this church has been somewhat feeble for some time. Many excellent members have removed to other parts. Others have gone to join the church triumphant. All this has tended to weaken this portion of the field. But we hope that better times are now dawning. This morning we baptized and gave the right hand of fellowship to a young married couple, who have for some time been looking Christward, and have at last determined to give up all for Him. Others in that place are anxious. Pray for us. E. T. MILLER.

NOV. 22.

TRYON, P. E. I.—We are just getting nicely settled in our new home, and already are receiving tangible tokens of the thoughtful kindness of our people, in the shape of provisions for the coming winter. The parsonage is a fine roomy building, newly repaired and fitted for occupation, and reflects great credit upon those who have given their time and means for this purpose. Our meetings have been well attended, and the outlook has seemed to be encouraging, but the prevalence of small-pox in Charlottetown has caused so much excitement that our churches and schools are closed by order of the Board of Health, for the time being, and all available means are being used to prevent the spread of that terrible disease in the country.

Will not the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR unite with us in prayer to God that the Island may be saved from ravages of this frightful scourge, and that its appearance among us may be over-ruled for the awakening of our churches to a sense of duty and the alarming of the ungodly, and that good may come out of the seeming evil. I. J. SKINNER.

GREENVILLE, CUM. CO., N. S.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 8th, Rev. W. Thomas, Pastor, buried with Christ in baptism one young sister. May this be only the first fruit of a large harvest in this field.

PORTLAND.—We are enjoying refreshings from the presence of the Lord. The church is coming up to the help of the Lord, and sinners are coming to Christ.

Yesterday I baptized two happy converts into the name of the Trinity.

NOV. 30. W. J. STEWART.

COW BAY.—Last Lord's day sixteen happy converts were burried with their Lord by baptism in the most beautiful baptistry that I ever beheld, formed by a grassy cove of the charming lake at Homeville—the cove surrounded on three sides by terraced and towering hills, adding shelter to beauty and perfect convenience for the hundreds of sober-minded spectators. The difference between this baptistry, both for beauty and convenience, and that in the cathedral at Milan, can be reckoned only by the difference between a human architect and a Divine.

We are conducting meetings both at Homeville and Cow Bay, and the candidates were seven from the former and nine from the latter place. Pray for us still and "thou shalt see greater things than these." D. G. M.

Nov. 25. 1885.

P. S.—With thanks I acknowledge the following for Tyne Valley property:—

Wm. Holmes, E. C. Simonson, Mrs. Nicholson, W. F. Archibald, Mrs. N. J. Gates. Yet there is room and need, send your dollar, dear reader, and close this part of the Lord's business up next week, and much oblige all concerned, and

D. G. M.

LEINSTER STREET.—The heavy debt that has crippled the efforts of this church since the fire, is this year about being reduced, so that the income from school room rents will, in time, wipe off the balance without any further special effort. The ladies, old and young, say *the debt must go*, and they give peculiar emphasis to their words by willing harmonious work and contributions. A class in the Sunday School, composed of young ladies, with Mrs. Distin, their teacher, gave a concert on behalf of the debt fund, which netted $25.00, entrance for admission ten cents.

Male members of the church and congregation are willing, we believe, to do all they can toward this object. The debt is going to go. Congregations steadily increasing, interest good and deepening. Some baptisms are expected next Sunday, as well as a number to be received by letter.—*Obs.*

ROCKLAND.—I have been assisting Rev. A. Cogswell holding special meetings at Argyll and Northfield, for the last three weeks.

Three candidates were baptized on the 15th, others have professed conversion.

On the evening of the 18th, the Knowlesville and Glassville Baptist church, and the Northfield and Beaufort Baptist Church, were united together as one church. This was thought advisable owing to the scattered and weak state of both. The church will be known in the future as the Aberdeen Baptist Church. At the close of the uniting, the hand of fellowship was given to four new members, others we trust will soon be brought in. Bro. Cogswell has been laboring in this field for the last nine months. A. H. HAYWARD.

HARMONY, KINGS, Co., N. S.—I have been holding meetings have a few days, and a deep interest is felt among the people. Many have been anxious about their souls salvation, and some have already professed conversion. We are expecting greater things in the name of the Lord.

J. W. S. YOUNG.

Another brother writes: "We are enjoying a blessed season of revival in the Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot church, under the labors of Bro. J. W. S. Young, from New Brunswick, who is with us again for a short time. He is holding meetings daily in one section of the church—on Harmony Mountain. It was our privilege to be with them last week and enjoy a blessed season. Truly, God was in the place. The church has a mind to work, while sinners are pleading for mercy, and God is answering their prayers. On Saturday, upwards of eighty took part in the Conference. Yesterday morning a large number came around a beautiful stream to witness the Christian and Scriptural baptism of eight young men and seven young women, and we trust many more will follow. It is a good time. Brothers, pray for us.

Nov. 30. GARDINER TUPPS.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—A friend writes: "Sabbath, Nov. 22, was a memorable day in the history of the Baptist church at Campbellton. At the close of the morning service, which was held in Patterson's hall, the ordinance of Christian baptism was administered for the first time in that town by a Baptist minister. Many were present and the utmost order prevailed. The place selected for the administration of the sacred rite was a lovely beach in front of the railway station. The weather was most delightful and the converts remarkably courageous and happy. The word of the Lord showing our authority and direction for the administration of baptism was fully read, and the impressions seemed salutary. There were three candidates. The first was a middle-aged man, the head of an interesting family; the second was a lady occupying a high social position and also a head of a family, and the third was a young lady filling a prominent position as a teacher in the public school in Campbellton.

"In the afternoon an inspiring meeting of railway men was held in the same hall, conducted by Bro. H. H. Bray. About 150 men were present and the presence and power of the Spirit were wonderfully manifest. The district supe intendent, Bro. J. E. Price, takes a prominent part in this meeting for railway men, and it is gratifying to see him throwing the weight of his influence in the scale of true piety in all the services."

"In the evening, after the sermon and the hand of fellowship, the little church observed the ordinance of the Lord's Supper for the first time since their organization."

"Rev. Isaiah Wallace, who is much encouraged in his mission work in these parts, has consented to stay among us a other week and expects to baptize a number more on next Lord's day, Nov. 29, and to have the day following for settlements up the South-West Miramichi. A pastor is greatly needed to carry on the work here, and it is hoped our Home Mission Board may be successful in obtaining good man for this promising field at an early date.

"I should not omit to say that a reliable cash subscription, amounting to upwards of $700, has been obtained since the organization, for the erection of a Baptist place of worship in Campbellton. Bro. George Vye, a highly esteemed citizen of this town, has charge of the subscription list, and is throwing his energies heartily into the enterprise. With God's blessing it must succeed."

YARMOUTH.—The First Baptist Church, Yarmouth, has requested Bro. Adams, with whom many of us have a very pleasant acquaintance, to supply the pulpit for six months. May the Lord richly bless this dear old church where a part of our life and heart has been left. We hope the relations entered into between Bro. A. and this church may not terminate in so short a time.

MAUGERVILLE.—The Lord is still working in our midst. The Lord will work; the Lord is working, praise his dear name, let us work with him. We led one young sister through the waters into the church yesterday morning, and to the great surprise of many she did not feel the coldness of the water. No wonder; nor will any one else if their hearts are made warm by the love of Christ. Praise the Lord, we are expecting more to follow. J. WEAD.

Nov. 30.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The 19th semi-annual session of the Y. C. B. S. School Convention met with the Milton Baptist church, Nov. 19th, under very unfavorable circumstances,—it rained from morning until evening. Three sessions were held. Eleven schools were represented. C. S. P. Robbins, Esq., was chosen president. The following subjects were discussed:

1st. The Art of Questioning. Opened by Rev. J. A. Ford.

2nd. Pastors relation to, and duties in connection with S. School. Opened by Rev. J. A. Gordon.

3rd. A paper read by Miss McHenry, on S. School Library.

4th. The ideal S. School Library, and how to obtain it. Opened by Rev. G. E. Day, D. D.

5th. The S. School and the Home. By Rev. J. T. Eaton.

6th. Christ the S. School model Teacher. Opened by Rev. J. B. Woodland.

7th. How to hold our young men, a paper by T. B. Crosby, Esq.

Statistics for half year: Total number attending 11 schools, 1,351; Average, 936; Adult, 860; Primary, 374; Money raised for school purposes, $215.61; Missions $112.03.

Thus ended a very interesting and profitable session. W. E. HUESTIS, Sec'y.

Yarmouth, 25th.

PERSONAL.

Bro. D. G. McDonald has felt constrained to decline the call to the pastorate of the Main St. Baptist Church, Woodstock.

Bro. W. E. Hall has accepted the call of the Sackville Church, and will begin his labors in February.

Bro. J. W. S. Young was the recipient of a donation at the the close of a series of meetings held with the East Florenceville Church.

Bro. G. E. Good has been thrown from his carriage and badly hurt. This providence seem strange in the midst of a work of grace which has been going on for some time on the Hampton and Norton fields. Perhaps our brother has worked to the limit of his strength, and this is the Master's call to come aside into the desert and rest awhile.

Rev. J. C. Bleakney, since his removal from Hillsboro, has received an address from his old flock speaking in high terms of his services and of his Christian courtesy and kindness, and wishing him and his family every prosperity. Bro. B. writes: "The Hillsborough Church met all their financial engagements with me, and we parted with a deep sense of the solemnity of separating the relationships of pastor and church. It is to me a source of more than ordinary satisfaction to know that my imperfect efforts to serve the church and congregation have been appreciated, and also that myself and family share their kind remembrances, which we most sincerely reciprocate."

Bro. Weir who supplied the First Baptist Church, Yarmouth, so acceptably last year, and who received a call to its pastorate, has accepted a call to the church in Guelph, Ontario.

HAVELOCK.—Mrs. Clements and her pupils gave her friends, a few evenings ago, in her own parlor, a very interesting musical entertainment. All present seemed delighted. Mrs. C. is an accomplished teacher.

Bro. J. M. Parker has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Salisbury church, and expects to enter on the work immediately.

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" 20.	West River, P. E. I., per Mrs. Joseph Stretch,	5 75
" 25.	McDonald's Corner, per Miss Alice McAlary,	12 00
" "	Riverside, per Mrs. Hiram Edgett,	2 25
" "	Onslow, per Elida A. Blair,	6 00
" "	Parrsboro, per Mrs. A. E. McLeod,	5 00

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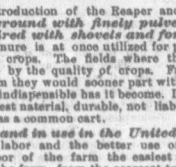

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