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REVIVALS IN THE CHURCHES.

The readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will have observed that the columns devoted to news from the churches have been for several weeks past unusually well filled and that the news has been of a most interesting and encouraging character.

But surely such tidings of good as the MESSENGER AND VISITOR is telling from week to week should bring strength and courage to the heart of every pastor overborne with work and difficulties; for every faithful sower of the Word, though perchance he sow in tears, shall one day reap and rejoice in the fruit of his labors.

Revivals are not always to be accounted for from a human standpoint. Just why one church should be rejoicing in glorious work of grace, while in another no such gracious influences are experienced, we cannot always explain.

benevolent objects, there is too frequently found a disposition on the part of many church members to rest satisfied with such results. But surely the church which does not labor and pray with great desire and expectation for the salvation of those within its reach is missing what should be the immediate aim of every Christian church.

A PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS.

The world's parliament of religions which it is proposed to hold next year in connection with the World's Fair at Chicago, involves a scheme to gather in a common assembly representatives of all the great religions of the world.

The first report of the general committee has been recently issued, and from it it is learned that the scheme is being received with much favor by the prominent representatives of Christian bodies in both Europe and America.

Book Review.

This work may be said to represent the ripest thought of President Hovey on a number of subjects which, more or less, at the present time, are commanding the interest of thoughtful Christian people.

be considered among the most interesting of all. The second of these studies embraces an examination of the theories of Lotze and Schurman in reference to the subject. The other sections in this division are "God and the universe," and "Christian science and mind cure."

The subjects treated in the third division are: "The Golden Rule"; "The state and religion"; "The Lord's day"; "Duty and manner of keeping it"; "Divorce according to the New Testament"; "Doctrine of the higher Christian life examined"; "Imposition of hands in ordination." In the fourth and concluding division the subjects discussed are: "Preparation for the Christian ministry"; "Value of systematic theology to pastors"; "Character of 'tested in religious inquiry'; "Postgraduate fellowship"; "A good church history."

Miss Graves' Appeal.

In the Christian Messenger of May 2, 1888, there appeared an article on the "Education of Women," in which the work doing in Acadia Seminary was commended. That article closed with the words: "If the past is prophetic of the future, it is not time for the Baptists to make plans for enlarging the seminary building?"

Acadia Seminary has been fulfilling the prophecy since that time, and now a building suitable to her enlarged opportunities is approaching completion. In these things there is occasion for rejoicing and thankfulness.

With enlargement come greater responsibilities; and that these may be met adequately it is of the first importance that the graduates of the seminary should show their devotion to their alma mater. Remembering the advantages which they enjoyed there in their student days, and reflecting upon the enrichment and enlargement which have come to their lives through the influences then thrown about them, and the lessons there learned, it is fitting that they should seek zealously to raise the efficiency of the school, and enlarge its operations to the fullest degree possible.

The "appeal" of Miss Graves has stirred many. We may hope that it will stir all the former students of the seminary, and many others. Her scheme of forming an Alumnae Association is timely and admirable. This will be an important step in the direction of securing for the seminary a larger place in the sympathies and beneficence of the people.

Another item of importance was Bro. Sanford's departure for Canada. Much regret was expressed that owing to ill-health Bro. and Sister Sanford must do the work for a time and seek rest. It is hoped that they may soon regain their health and return to the work to which they have given their lives.

Bimbi Gatherings.

This year we all assembled at Bimbi for our annual meetings. They occurred as follows: January 9 to 12, Telugu Association; 13 to 15, our own Missionary Conference; 17 to 21, the General Conference of the two Canadian missions.

THE TELUGU ASSOCIATION.

The meetings were conducted with an excellent decorum, and were good throughout. Our native brethren are rapidly learning how to make their associations interesting and profitable occasions. Gradually the missionaries are throwing more responsibility upon the Christians, and are withdrawing more and more from the management of the association, though none the less interested in what is said and done.

OUR M. P. CONFERENCE.

This year's conference was a blessed one. Perfect harmony prevailed and we felt the love of God shed abroad in our hearts. Should there be, as there often must be, difference of opinion on matters discussed, let no one think us quarrelling and pronounce us a "cranky lot." We try to seek the welfare of the Redeemer's kingdom in all our undertakings, and generally it is not difficult to live in the "unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace."

You would perhaps like to know about some of the things discussed in the conference. The new stations—Kimsdy and Palconda—occupied a good deal of time. Permission having been obtained from the Board, it was decided to go ahead and build as soon as funds are forthcoming.

The movement in favor of union did not begin in 1889, as Bro. McL. intimates, but four years earlier, and three years before the death of Mr. Bradshaw. The late venerable president and founder of our Annuity Association, Dr. Bill, was cognizant of all the steps taken towards the proposed union, and cordially favored the movement, so far as I could understand. He presided at the meeting held in Fredericton in 1889, and was a member of the union committee then appointed. My last conversation with him on the subject was at his own home in August, 1890.

Recital at St. Martins.

An expectant audience gathered in the assembly hall of the U. B. Seminary, Tuesday evening, March 29, the occasion being a public recital, under the direction of Miss Butterfield, teacher of elocution. The programme was as follows:

- 1. Chocette (Illustrated song), by Miss Smith and Mr. Leonard. 2. The Lady of Shalott, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. 3. A Pair of Old Boots, by Marjorie Thompson. 4. Instrumental Duet, by Schabert. 5. Scene from School for Scandal, by Sheridan. 6. Bedouin, by Mrs. Head. 7. The Crusader's Christmas, by Broadbent. 8. Animation, by Miss Kate Hopper. 9. The Pilot's Story, by W. D. Howells. 10. Violin Solo, by Miss Williams. 11. What Mrs. Ember Said (comic), by Misses Hughes and Kate Hopper. 12. Outrageous Fortune, by Miss Huggins.

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Bro. Sanford has provided the Bimbi station with all necessary buildings, and he leaves everything in the compound in perfect repair, ready for the use of his successor. This secures to Bro. Morse freedom from an enormous amount of work and worry in the line of building, and leaves him free to devote his entire strength to the mission work proper. Bro. Morse will, I know, be quite ready to appreciate such a blessing.

In this case, however, the conference was unable to carry out its policy as regards a period of study. The missionaries were, if possible, have all new men freed from the responsibility of a field for at least a year, so that a good beginning may be made in the language. Bro. Shaw and I got considerably less than a year. Bro. Bars will have a full year and more, I suppose, if he wants it. The departure of Bro. Sanford leaves the Bimbi field to be provided for. We would gladly have relieved Bro. Morse from the field for a year if some practical plan could have been devised. But as no other plan seem feasible in this emergency, and as Miss Grey, with her ripe experience, is on hand to render help, the conference recommended the Board to appoint Bro. Morse to the field at once.

Many other matters were discussed, but this letter is already too long and I cannot tell of them now. The past year has been a very prosperous one in our mission. Forty-two have been added by baptism during the year. May this be the beginning of a better day for our beloved mission. W. V. HIGGINS, Chicacoole.

Baptist Annuity Association.

It is to be regretted that the Rev. W. E. McIntyre could not discuss this subject without making unjustifiable attacks upon his brethren who are devoting time and labor, without remuneration, to the interest of our New Brunswick ministers. And why he should single out the unfortunate secretary as the head and front of the offending, it is not easy to see. Does he imagine that the latter, whose duty it is merely to record the proceedings, constitutes the board of management?

The facts furnished by Dr. Saunders in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of this week form a pretty complete answer to Bro. McIntyre's letter, except as regards the personal charges, expressed and implied. It would be an easy matter to reply to all of these, if it were worth while to do so. If it pleases anybody to read another attack upon the undersigned in the public press (as groundless, though not as malicious, as usual), let him have his pleasure.

Just one or two additional remarks may be in place here. The few in this province who oppose a union of the Annuity Funds must surely admit that it would be for the advantage of our N. B. ministers to share in the benefits of a fund the proceeds of which amounted to \$2,138, rather than a fund yielding only \$550 yearly, especially when the former will attract large additions to itself, and the latter will probably grow but little.

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Subscriptions Paid to Baptist Annuity Fund.

Joe. Hunt, \$10; C. Henry Dimock, \$20; Rev. P. R. Foster, \$5; Mrs. Ann Lovett, \$40; G. F. Allen, \$10; Joshua Heustis, \$5; H. E. Haley, \$2.

COLLECTIONS FROM CHURCHES.

Tabernaacle, Halifax, \$9.54; Great Village, \$4.25; Weymouth, \$3; Westport, \$6.35; New Tuxet, \$1; 2nd Kingsclear, \$1; Upper Stewiacke, \$7.54. E. M. S., Treas.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—I wish to acknowledge through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, a donation of \$12 from the First Kingsclear church and congregation, for which I am very thankful. May God bless the donors in my sincere prayer. CALVIN CURRIE.

—We are obliged to hold over to another issue several interesting items of church news and other matter.

Horton Academy.

The following is a statement of the amounts collected for the Horton Academy improvements and of the expenditures made. A few subscriptions are still uncollected. Delay in some of the payments accounts for the delay in publishing this statement.

Rev. L. A. Cooney, \$5.00; Rev. E. H. Howe, \$5.00; Rev. I. C. Archibald, \$5.00; Rev. J. H. Saunders, \$5.00; Rev. Josiah Webb, \$5.00; Dr. March, Berwick, \$5.00; C. W. Roscoe, \$5.00; I. B. Oakes, \$7.50; Otis Eaton, \$10.00; E. H. Dimock, \$10.00; A. P. Shald, \$10.00; Lewis Rice, \$5.00; E. C. Shand, \$5.00; Clifford J. Shand, \$4.00; Dr. Edward Young, \$5.00; G. P. Payant, \$5.00; F. W. Dimock, \$4.00; F. A. Shand, \$4.00; David North, \$4.00; W. A. Porter, \$4.00; Dr. H. Reid, \$5.00; L. M. Smith, \$5.00; W. E. Roscoe, \$5.00; W. V. Kennedy, \$5.00; W. V. Brown, \$5.00; H. E. Haley, \$4.00; T. E. Corning, \$5.00; John H. Haley, \$5.00; W. H. Gridley, Jr., \$4.00; J. H. Gundy, \$4.00; Joshua Heustis, \$4.00; John W. Churchill, \$5.00; W. F. Parker, \$20.00; A. Powers, in Halifax, \$50.00; Charles L. Friend, in Halifax, \$20.00; making a total of \$1,000.00.

Expended for—

- 2 Webster's Unabridged Dictionaries, \$14 00. 1 Gazette of the World, 11 00. 1 Map of Palestine, 2 75. 1 Storybook, 50. Carpet, 6 70. 1 Teacher's table, with drawers, 8 25. Rubber hose, 16 00. 1 Sugat Baker, 55 00. Bath-room and its furnishings, 127 80. \$272 00.

These additions to the equipment of the Academy have already proved to be of great value. Our sincere thanks are hereby extended to those who have so generously assisted in effecting these improvements. If the remaining subscribers will kindly remit the amount pledged, the balance of the expenditure will be nearly paid.

Other additions to the Academy's appliances are much needed, and will have to be made soon, if the school is to do its proper work and maintain its patronage. Our friends will please bear in mind the Manual Training enterprise, in which the Board of Governors, under the direction of the Convention, have embarked. It requires concentration of effort and liberal giving. Let remittances or pledges be forwarded to Dr. Saunders or to myself. They will be thankfully received and acknowledged. Wolfville, Mar. 29. I. B. OAKES.

This certifies that the improvements made in Horton Academy by the supply of bath-rooms, &c., &c., and furnishing apparatus for the schools, is of very great advantage to the students in attendance, and that I have examined the account of this expenditure and compared the items with the vouchers, and found them correct. COLIN W. ROSCOE, Auditor. Wolfville, March 29.

Literary Notes.

Prof. Francis Brown opens the Review Section of the Homiletic Review with an article on the subject, "Is the Higher Criticism Scientific?" which question he answers in the affirmative. Bishop Balmgren, of Auckland, writes on "Imago Dei," an argument to prove that the Trinity is the prototype of man. Prof. Jesse B. Thomas, of Newton Theological Seminary, has a strikingly interesting paper on "The Temper of Abelard," which is to be followed by another in the May number. It is appreciative and discriminating. Dr. William M. Taylor, of New York, contributes a thoughtful and helpful article concerning "The Fraise of the Sanctuary," Bishop Spalding, of Colorado; Dr. MacLaren, of Manchester, Eng.; Dr. Talnage, of Brooklyn; Dr. Burdell, of New York; Chaplain McArthur, of the same city; and Canon Scott-Holland, of London, all contribute to make the Sermonic Section most readable. Dr. T. W. Chambers discusses "The Date of the Pentateuch" in the Exegetical Section; and Dr. R. S. McArthur gives suggestions as to "Union among Temperance Workers" in the Sociological Section. The Homiletic Review is one that should be in the hands of all the ministers of the land.

The Missionary Review of the World for April opens with a fitting tribute to Charles Haddon Spurgeon, by the Editor-in-chief, Dr. A. T. Pierson, who has been supplying Mr. Spurgeon's pulpit during his illness. Rev. James Johnston, of London, England, reviews "A Generation of Christian Progress in India," picturing graphically the advancement made in the last forty years in that country. Other articles of timely interest fill the department of Literature of Missions. Mr. Johnston's article is supplemented by three other most stirring ones in the International Department, the first by Rev. Henry Mansell, D. D., of Cawnpore, "The Great Pentecost in North India"; the second by the Rev. T. J. Scott, D. D., Principal of the Theological Seminary at Bareilly. The Quick Baptism by North India Missionaries" and the third by the Rev. F. L. Neeld, of Bareilly, on "Hindu Puritan Reform—The Arya Somaji." "The Monthly Concert of Missions" also takes up India and Hinduisms, and is ably treated by Dr. J. T. Grayson. The "General Missionary Intelligence" Department, as usual, sums up the work in all the fields. Published by the Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York.

A NUMBER of the friends of Rev. H. G. Mellick met at the residence of Mr. H. Kirkpatrick, Carleton Street, on Tuesday evening last week, and presented him with a baptizing gown and a valuable waterproof coat. The gifts were accompanied with an address, to which a suitable reply was made. Mr. G. Mellick leaves on Tuesday of this week for Manitoba.

WESTPORT, N. B.—Our worthy pastor the winter has been greatly afflicted by the influenza among us. The services have been sustained ever, and the Sunday-school good work. Some have professed conversion, but at present our joy is that of the souls of the church. A choice of two more deacons was made by the congregation. They were E. P. Caldwell, B. A., who, at the time, gave us a very excellent sermon upon our denunciations; we are surrounded by kind and loving friends. On Christmas Burgess was presented with cake basket by "Santa Claus," the evening of the 17th inst., the congregation made their visit to the parsonage. After a pleasant evening, and being entertained by music, speeches and a recitation, the pastor presented the pastor in cash. Many articles were also; all of which contributed to the comfort of our home, and are gratefully acknowledged by us, and we trust by the blessing of God on doing better our divine Master. C. C. B.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES. KNOXFORD.—Four candidates received to-day (March 29) for Morning prayer. Tios.

LESLIEBUR, N. S.—The work so well begun, is moving forward unitedly. Our little band are united in Christian love. Conspiring in numbers are growing in strength. We look forward to Sabbath in April for a joyful reunion. We rejoice in the blessing that is on our churches of this corner all over the land. "Let the world be filled with His glory."

CENTRE VILLAGE.—Six persons were baptized at the Sunday, March 20. Although the water was a good number was rough to witness the service. They were received into the close of the morning service. Have been received absent, inquiring the way. We expect the water again on April 3rd. Rev. O. N. Keith, is much aged. Brethren, pray for us.

ASLEY VILLAGE, Church of St. Boniface.—We have no report to make, but we have all lines of our church work. Sabbath. There is marked improvement in our Sabbath-school; the review and Isaac's service singing was a season of pleasure. The young people's music Bible lesson on Friday evening largely attended and much appreciated. From all this sowing we are led to a good harvest.

MILTON, Queen's Co., N. S.—Six weeks ago I preached at Port and Mill Village. The church though weak, are holding on to the right well. Bro. A. W. Barnes, their pastor, is not well yet, means, but we trust his health is improving. Our brethren are looking forward to the summer, when they joy the services of the brother labored so acceptably among us last summer. Rev. Percz Murray for some while I was absent, eighty-three years of age he is active and enjoys good health indeed is "one of the fathers" us. May God bless him.

TABERNACLE, HALIFAX.—Giving us some tokens of God's grace, were baptized on Sunday, the 3rd inst. Several who have long been in the city are now uniting with letters. We are hopeful for the future. Our building is progressing at still putting it into the hands of God. Let from abroad in. Previously acknowledged, New Germany, Lun. Co., J. F. Rowe, Boston, H. H. Chute, Bear River, Stephen Swain, Isaac's Harbor, J. H. Griffin, Isaac's Harbor, A. Friend, Wood Point.

We only asked for \$1,000 in real estate, and we have now a place of \$1,000. The cause will remember us, thankfull for all favors. WM. E. GREENFIELD.—The work is going favorably on this field. Ourselves dedicated a new place of at Molega Mines. The building credit to the mining district pleasantly and conveniently affords comfortable accommodations for our congregations, which is a great blessing. In raising of the building the people were very zealous, as might be expected, were greatly encouraged by the magnificent gift of \$75 from Mr. management of one of the mining of the building in the midst of her nominations. The dedicatory were conducted by the Rev. J. Methodist, and the writer. Reading of selections of Scribner, Bro. Davis, sermon from the "God is in the midst of her," not be moved; God shall be right early" by the writer. A template building a church of Beachfield. C. S. S.

POINT ELGIN.—The cause here looking up. A large number have turned their backs on baptism—others are expecting to take crosses. The labors of Bro. Walter Marple have been signally around these shores; for not only our own churches received large numbers, but other denominations received to their communion number who were converted meetings—but to God belong glory. The brethren here are steadily forward with the new centre of the town, is bought for the gentleman who out generously contributing. The timber are being hauled rapidly, and the brethren and sisters willingly doing what they can for the good work. A pastor has gaged and a generous support given him. The Lord is doing things for us, whereof we are glad.

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