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**—The Baptist Ministers of St. John** held their usual weekly meeting on Monday morning. The special services being held in a number of the churches are being continued with good results. Dr. Corey baptised at Brussels St. and Pastor Corey at Fairville last Sunday. Pastor Schragan expects to baptise next Sunday.

**—The Boston Watchman** doubts if Dr. Gordon's death will be mourned much more deeply in his own church than in the churches among the hill towns of New Hampshire, which during the summer vacations he fathered and mothered, nursed into vigor by the most unremitting sort of attention, and then did not forget them when in September he came back to his own city pulpit.

**—The Evangelists, Rev. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, entered upon a series of Evangelistic services at the Methodist Centenary church, St. John, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12th.** They are both regular ministers of the Methodist church in Canada, but have for some time past given themselves to evangelistic work in which they have been highly successful both in Canada and the United States. We are told that their engagements extend three years into the future. Their meetings in St. John are being very largely attended and we hope that a large blessing may result from their labors here.

We are informed that at the last monthly meeting of our Foreign Mission Board the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Manning, tendered his resignation and that a committee of the Board was appointed to confer with Mr. Manning and ascertain if he would not consent to reconsider his determination. We understand that Mr. Manning feels that the duties of the pastoral office are more congenial to him than those connected with his present position and believes that he would be happier and more useful if engaged in pastoral work. We trust that the brethren may be led to wise conclusions in this matter. The position of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board is one that involves much anxiety and responsibility, and he needs the fullest sympathy of all his brethren in all the churches. It would seem very desirable that Bro. Manning should, if possible, continue in his present relations to the Board at least until the close of the Convention year.

**—In the death of Dr. William M. Taylor, of New York,** which occurred February 8th, another of America's distinguished ministers has passed away. Dr. Taylor was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, in 1829. The first years of his ministry were passed in the Presbyterian church, but he afterwards became connected with the Congregationalist body. He came to New York in 1872 to be the pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle. He was a strong and impressive preacher and large numbers were attracted to his church. A man of great energy and activity he was a recognised force in the religious life of New York and exercised a large influence in the councils of his denomination. He was also a voluminous author. Among his best known works are mentioned "The Miracles," "David the King," "Elijah the Prophet," "Peter the Apostle" and "The Ministry of the Word." Some two or three years ago Dr. Taylor was forced by failing health to retire from the pastorate of the church which he had served continuously for twenty years. During those years he would have generally been ranked among the four or five most eminent preachers in America.

**—Rev. E. Bosworth, agent for the Grande Ligne Mission,** who is visiting the Baptist churches of the Maritime Provinces in the interests of that important work, was in St. John last week and delivered very interesting addresses at Brussels St., Carleton, Germain St., and Lelander St. churches. Mr. Bosworth showed the great need of spiritual enlightenment which prevails among the French Canadian people of Quebec province, and told something of what the Grande Ligne Mission, through its school and its Evangelists, is doing to supply that need. Sixty years ago in a log house the Grande Ligne Mission work began. To-day the province has a French protestant population of 20,000 persons. Five thousand have been converted and baptised through the labors of Grande Ligne Missionaries and the Grande Ligne school. A glorious work of grace is now in progress in the school. Nine have been recently baptised, of whom seven are converts from Romanism. Ten of the best students in the school have declared the intention to give themselves to evangelistic work among their countrymen. One great need of the school is funds to enlarge its building which is not sufficiently large for the accommodation of the number of students who wish to attend the school. The number in attendance this year is 137 and 80 others had made application whom it had been impossible to accommodate. The expectation is that work will be commenced by the Mission among the French people of the Maritime Provinces the first of May. A brother and his wife are under appointment for this work. Mr. Bosworth presents the cause of the mission with great earnestness and ability, bespeaking for the Grande Ligne work that sympathy which shows itself in prayers and in contributions for its support.

## PASSING EVENTS.

THE despatches received of late respecting the war in the East have been, as usual of a more or less conflicting character. A week or two ago it was announced that the Chinese strong hold Wei-Hai-Wel had fallen and that the most important of the Chinese warships had been destroyed so that China was left practically without a navy. A little later both these reports were contradicted. The report of the taking of Wei-Hai-Wel which is now received is probably true, and if so that stronghold has been taken by the Japanese after a stubborn defence and hard fighting in which the Chinese have lost heavily. It is stated that the Chinese Admirable Ting proposed to the Japanese Commander a surrender of all the Chinese ships, arms, forts, etc, provided the lives of crews, soldiers and foreigners were guaranteed. These conditions were accepted by the Japanese, and at the date of the despatch, Feb. 12, the terms of a formal surrender were being arranged. China it appears, is still pressing for peace, but Japan is represented as not being anxious that hostilities shall cease until Pekin shall have been taken and then she will not consent to peace except on the terms of the acquisition of Corea, Port Arthur and other important territory and a large money indemnity. Japan's chief concern is said to be lest England and Russia shall interfere to put a period to her career of conquest and set a limit to her demands on China.

THE Supreme Court of Canada by its decision having pronounced against the constitutional authority of the several provinces to deal with the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors by way of prohibitory legislation, the matter now goes to the Imperial Privy Council for final judgment. There has just been issued, on behalf of the executive committee of the Dominion Alliance by chairman McLaren and secretary Spence, a manifesto to the prohibitionists of Ontario, in which it is declared that because of the present uncertainty respecting the powers of the provincial legislatures in the matter of prohibition, and in view of the assurance given by the Ontario government that the appeal to the Privy Council would be pressed with all possible despatch, it has been thought wise to defer the annual meeting of the Ontario branch of the Alliance until the decision of the Privy Council. When that decision shall be made known a general convention will be called at which the whole question will be thoroughly considered. The manifesto expresses regret that neither political party has taken a decided stand on the question of prohibition, dwells upon the necessity of securing the election of representatives in parliament who can be trusted to serve the cause of prohibition, and urges the earnest co-operation to this end of all who are interested in this reform.

AFTER a ten day's visitation of cold and storm our winter has resumed a placid disposition and the weather of the past week has been of the ideal sort for February in this climate. Reports of storm and cold come from west and south and from across the sea. In many places there has been much suffering, loss of property and loss of life. The cold in New Orleans and Florida has been most unusual, causing much damage to growing fruit and vegetables. Tales of suffering come from some parts of the west, especially Nebraska in parts of which State there is great scarcity. Paris of Cape Breton suffered much from the storms and the high tides which prevailed at certain points wrecked and swept away houses and other buildings. In Newfoundland there is much suffering and help is being sent to the people from New England as well as from parts of Canada. Has not St. John a duty in this matter? In Great Britain and on the Continent the cold has been severe and the snow-fall in many places remarkably heavy. In London 100 coroners' inquests were held in four days, and in eighty of the cases death is reported to have been due directly or indirectly to the cold. In Central Europe the cold is reported to be severe and the country heavily blocked with snow, greatly hindering railway traffic and causing the death of many animals in the forests because they are unable to get water.

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## Questions.

If it would not be asking too much I would be pleased to have the following questions answered through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR:—  
1. In Matthew, chapter xxvii—4, 5, 6, 7, we are told that Judas took the price of blood he received and cast it down to the chief priests and elders and went out and hanged himself; and they counselled and bought the potters field. In the Acts of the Apostles, chapter i-18, we are told "Now this man (Judas) purchased a field and falling headlong he burst asunder in the midst and all his bowels gushed out." I do not know how to reconcile two passages so plainly written.

2. Is it proper and according to the usage of the Baptist churches in common for one of the deacons of a Baptist church to examine the work of Italian painters in the order of chronology. In this way the origin and development of art in Italy are traced till the art of painting culminates in the hands of that quartet of inspired geniuses, Leonardo da Vinci, Michel Angelo, Raphael and Titian. But Mrs. Rand does not confine herself to the paintings of the masters found in the National Gallery. Their works in other art collections on the continent are referred to and their merits discussed. Although the volume contains only 64 pages, yet vivid glimpses of the times in which the artists lived and a comparison of their respective merits add to its excellencies. On reading the book, one is impressed with the author's keen delicate appreciation of these works of art, and the consequent enthusiasm everywhere manifest in her criticisms. Her style is in keeping with her theme. Fine, expressive English is employed in setting out the rare beauties and masterpieces of painting. Here is an example:—  
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Reference is made to a passage in "In Memoriam" suggested by the portraits of Michael Angelo. It is where Tennyson describes Arthur Hallam's appearance. And over those ethereal eyes The bar of Michael Angelo.

Home Missions  
I regret that my report of the Decem-ber session of the Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Quarterly Meeting should have proven either misleading or un satisfactory. I should appear to you in the light of Bro. Todd's "word of explanation" to have either wilfully or stupidly misstated the facts, I beg to quote from the approved minutes which I have before me. In our constitution, among other things, the objects of our quarterly meetings are declared to be:—  
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GRANDE LIGNE.—I have just learned by a note received from Rev. E. Bosworth that he is visiting the chief places in the Maritime Provinces for the purpose of delivering his lectures on the Grande Ligne Mission Field and Work. May I say to the readers of the Messenger AND VISITOR that I have never heard a more important or effective presentation of the subject than that given by Mr. Bosworth in his lectures. The opportunity of learning from a trustworthy source so many facts of the first importance to Canadian Christians, and especially to Baptists, cannot be too widely embraced. I would very heartily commend Mr. Bosworth and his lectures. THOMPSON H. BARK.  
Toronto, Feb. 7, 1896.

## In the National Gallery.

Four Letters on the Development of Italian Art, by Emma A. Rand.  
EMMA BRIGGS, TORONTO.  
For sale at the Baptist and Methodist Book Rooms, 110 Water Street, St. John, N. B.  
This is a neat little volume, both in board and paper covers. It does credit to the enterprising publisher, Wm. Briggs Esq., of Toronto. The paper is substantial, the type clear and the style and mechanism very fine. It first appeared in a series of letters in the *McMaster University Monthly*. Mr. Briggs having read these letters, requested Mrs. Rand's permission to publish them as he has done. The letter making this request and also Mrs. Rand's note in reply, in facsimile, assenting to the proposal take the place of a preface.

Mrs. Rand takes her readers through a number of the twenty-two rooms in the National Gallery, and in doing so stops to examine the work of Italian painters in the order of chronology. In this way the origin and development of art in Italy are traced till the art of painting culminates in the hands of that quartet of inspired geniuses, Leonardo da Vinci, Michel Angelo, Raphael and Titian. But Mrs. Rand does not confine herself to the paintings of the masters found in the National Gallery. Their works in other art collections on the continent are referred to and their merits discussed. Although the volume contains only 64 pages, yet vivid glimpses of the times in which the artists lived and a comparison of their respective merits add to its excellencies. On reading the book, one is impressed with the author's keen delicate appreciation of these works of art, and the consequent enthusiasm everywhere manifest in her criticisms. Her style is in keeping with her theme. Fine, expressive English is employed in setting out the rare beauties and masterpieces of painting. Here is an example:—  
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REPORTS  
were received from twelve fields of labor. Some of these were of a very encouraging character.

GRANTS AND APPOINTMENTS.  
1. Lower Stewiacke and Musquodobit, N. S., \$150 for year beginning Aug. 1st, '94. Rev. D. Spittle, pastor.  
2. Dalhousie East and West, N. S., \$50 for year beginning Aug. 1st, '94. Rev. S. Langille, pastor.  
3. Economy and Five Islands, N. S., \$100 for year beginning Aug. 1st, '94. Rev. J. H. Davis, pastor.  
4. Milford, Annapolis Co., N. S., \$40 for year beginning Aug. 1st, '94. Rev. J. H. Beakley, pastor.  
5. Malville Mountain, Hants Co., N. S., \$225 for year beginning Aug. 1st, '94. Rev. E. R. Rapp, pastor.  
6. Summerside, P. E. I., \$100 for year beginning Dec. 1st, '94. Rev. W. H. Robinson, pastor.  
7. Greenville and Wentworth, Cumberland Co., N. S., \$75 for year beginning Jan. 1st, '95. Rev. C. W. Sables, pastor.  
8. Alberton and Springfield, P. E. I., \$150 for year beginning Oct. 25th, '94. Rev. H. Carter, pastor.  
9. Grandville Mountain, Annapolis Co., N. S., \$200 for year beginning Nov. 1st, '94. Gen. L. Bishop, missionary.  
10. Windsor Plains, Hants Co., N. S., \$40 for year beginning Aug. 1st, '94.  
11. Type Valley, P. E. I., \$150 for year beginning —, Bro. J. H. Mason, missionary.  
12. Aberdeen Church, Carleton Co., \$50 for year beginning Aug. 1st, '94.  
13. Rev. D. G. McDonald, a three months' mission in Halifax Co.

REMARKS.  
Most of the above grants and appointments have been made by the advice and at the solicitation of the several district committees. The proportion of these that will fall due in the Convention year, together with what has already been promised totals up to about \$5,000. This will have to be increased somewhat before the end of the year, so that there does not appear to be any hope of clearing off the debt of \$2,000 that came over from last year, from the regular income for the year, especially as we understand that nothing will be received in this year from the Women's Baptist Mission Union. The Board has therefore decided to ask for  
A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS to clear off the debt of \$2,000 now re-

ing on the Board and on which we are paying interest. We shall ask the churches to take the offering the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in March, as may be arranged hereafter. Along with this offering, a Home Mission number of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will be published. Further information will be given a little later on.

In view of the fact that there was a special offering for Foreign Missions in 1892 and 1893 (the memorial fund) and one for the College year, the Board feel that it is now their turn, and hope there will be a general and generous response to their effort to clear off that "ugly debt."

It is desired that what is given shall be an extra offering and not be taken from the amount the contributor would give to "Funds for Renominational Work."  
A. COLTON, Cor. Sec'y H. M. B. Wolfville, N. S., Feb. 13th, '95.

Re-opening at North River, P. E. I.  
Through reports from our monthly conferences, you have frequently heard of the quiet but steady progress of the work here at North River. On account of the necessary repairs, which have been made upon our church building, our regular services have been somewhat interrupted. But on Sunday, the 27th inst., all was in readiness for the re-opening of our re-modelled House of Worship. Sunday morning dawned clear and bright, a perfect winter's day. "The beauty of the Lord our God was upon us" in the radiance of the sunshine and the fairness of the morning. If the brightness of the day is an omen of good things to come, we shall have much cause to glorify our hearts in the year, upon which we have entered. The dedication sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. W. H. Warren, now pastor at Bedouque. He chose for his text, II Chron. 7:15, dwelling upon the theme, "An averted church is a character of its purpose." Bro. Warren was at his best, manifesting his usual depth and vigor of thought, and the spiritual earnestness of purpose which is so characteristic of all his discourses. The sermon was of a very high order and we trust the ringing appeal for a regenerate, consecrated church membership will bring rich fruitage in the present year. In the afternoon, Rev. D. Sutherland, of Zion Presbyterian church, preached from John 17:9. The necessary prayer of our Lord on behalf of his disciples, the speaker thought might be appropriately considered under three divisions—Prayer (vs. 11); Satisfaction (vs. 17); Glorification (vs. 24). Mr. S. manifested characteristics of his countrymen in his unvarying reply to the Word of God. All doctrine, and teaching that would not stand the test of the Scripture Revelation was to be rejected as false and spurious. The large audience deeply enjoyed this earnest and impressive sermon. In the evening, Rev. G. W. Corey preached a direct, practical sermon from Psalm 126:6. He emphasized the certainty of results to those who rightly engage in Christian work; the absolute surety, that "He who goes forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Surely it must have been an hour of heart-searching and of glad renewal of covenant vows as we listened to the earnest words so fraught with encouragement to engage in christian activities. A marked feature of the day's services was the spirit of earnestness by which all alike were characterized. There was a very large attendance, many having to go away for lack of room. It was indeed a day long to be remembered by the people here.

Those who have noticed the signs of progress in the past, mark this with special interest, as indicative of greater things in the days that are to come. Of this, it can now be said that it presents an extremely neat and tasteful appearance. Both the carpenter and painter deserve special credit for the excellence of the work. Particularly did the beauty of the ceiling call forth admiration in being viewed from above. Altogether, we have one of the prettiest churches in the country. The people have been united and enthusiastic in carrying this work forward to its satisfactory completion. Many tokens of strength and encouragement are afforded the heart of the pastor. We are looking forward hopefully to a spiritual renovation, which shall be felt throughout the community. Now, that we have succeeded in making the place, where his honour dwelleth more worthy the abiding presence of our God and King, we trust that the power of the Holy Spirit may be felt among us and that "of Zion," it may be said, during the present year, "this and that man was born there."

The Seminary.  
Owing to the small attendance this year we have found it difficult to meet our bills. The salaries of the teachers are but partly paid and besides there are some accounts to be settled. The total deficit will amount to about \$200, and as some of the bills are urgent we must appeal to all friends of the seminary to help us.  
In the present school in the Wishart building the teachers have assumed all so that no further loss to the Board can occur.  
Our deficit came while occupying the seminary building, prior to January 1st. These bills are justly and honorably due and ought to be paid at once, and we hope that the churches and individuals will continue to send in contributions to the treasurer, Bro. Jacob S. Titus, St. Martins, until all is paid.  
Brethren, we ask your help in order to square up the current expenses of the year in good order.  
W. B. McINTYRE, Sec'y.

## 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."  
PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY:  
For Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Miss Grey, that they will hear their prayer and supply their needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. For the interests of our aid societies that their zeal may be increased.

A Word to the Officers of the W. B. M. U.  
Are you a President? Do you really preside? I mean something more than merely sitting in the chair at your meetings and passing votes. Do you keep a sharp watch on every department of the Society's work? Do you have a carefully prepared programme, over which you have worked and prayed for each meeting? You are to be the connecting link between the pastor and all the work of the society.  
Are you Vice-President? Do not suppose that you must wait until the President dies or goes away on vacation before you have any work to do. Be ready to lend a hand at every point. Talk much with your President over her plans, wishes and hopes.  
Are you a Secretary? Be sure that you are keeping a neat, correct and complete record of all the transactions of your meetings and more than that a full account of all the important things occurring in the history of the society, something worth reading at your annual meeting. Do not neglect the correspondence or papers sent you. Attend to them promptly, not lay them aside in your desk and forget to take them to the meeting. Give the notices of your meetings clearly and punctually.  
Are you Treasurer? Whether the money received be much or little, be sure that your accounts are always kept clearly and accurately so that another person could, if necessary, take up your work and find it in perfect order. Are you calling upon those who have not paid and kindly asking them for the amount, telling them of the great needs.

The quarterly meeting of the executive of the W. B. M. U. was held on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 13th, in the Foreign Mission Room, Prince William street. Meeting was opened with reading the 91st Psalm by the president, and prayer by Mrs. Cowen.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's quarterly statements were reported. Receipts for quarter ending Jan. 31st, \$1,926.54. Amount paid out, \$463.65. Of motion it was—  
Resolved, That a letter be sent our sister, Mrs. Dr. Hooper, expressing the sympathy of the executive with her in her affliction.  
Letters from Mrs. Marsh (Miss MacNeill) and Rev. J. W. Manning were read, relative to the changed relations of the former to our Foreign Mission Board, and on motion the following resolution was adopted:  
Whereas, The Women's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces have expended about \$2,100.00 in sending Miss MacNeill (Mrs. C. R. Marsh) to India and preparing her for work there;  
Whereas, She only rendered about one year's service to the mission when she married Mr. Marsh of the American Baptist Missionary Union and others upon work in that mission fully equipped for service;

Therefore Resolved, That the W. B. M. U. request the Foreign Mission Board to ask the A. B. M. U. to refund a portion of the money thus expended on Miss MacNeill.  
A communication from Mrs. Booker, president of the Ontario Board was read and returned to the Foreign Mission Board. Letters from India: Miss Wright, Mrs. Corey, Mrs. Morse, and Miss Clark were received. It was pleasing to learn that the workers on this field are hopeful, and that our new missionaries had arrived their safely, and had been warmly welcomed to the work.  
A letter from Mrs. Johnston was read, also one from Mr. Colgate.  
It was decided that the next monthly prayer meeting of the St. John, Carleton and Fairville A. H. Societies should be held in the German street church, on Thursday Feb. 21st. Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Allwood.

C. GATAS.  
A letter from Mrs. H. Y. Corey says, that it has been decided at their conference they shall settle at Vezizagram, taking the place made vacant by Mr. Shaw. This leaves the Palcoada field vacant and will be a great disappointment to Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, still leaving the care of this station on them, in addition to all their other work. We surely ought to send another mission family this autumn, and a young lady. Where is the money to do this work? The missionaries could be found; how shall they be except they be sent. The responsibility rests upon God's children. Mrs. Corey says, "What a blessing it is for this part of India that both Canadian boards have such consecrated missionaries. I only wish you could have seen them as I did at Canada. There was such a kindly spirit shown in all the meetings and the desire to spread the gospel was so evident at all times, and they seemed so anxious to help one another."

We are very anxious to have copies of the first annual reports of the W. B. M. U. Will our sisters please look carefully and if they can find extra copies of the first four years especially, address them to Mrs. C. H. Manning, 211 Water Street, Upper Canada, N. S.  
The monthly meeting of the W. M. A. S. of St. John and Fairville, will be held in the German street church on Thursday, 21st of Feb., at three o'clock.