

ing during the week. These gatherings—at which the average attendance is over one thousand—are held among the employees of the locomotive carriage workers of the Midland Railway, and will be addressed on behalf of the Baptist Union by a number of the prominent denominational leaders, including Dr. Clifford of London, Rev. James Mursell of Edinburgh and others. The closing meeting on Thursday evening for the exposition and enforcement of Free church principles is expected to be one of the most notable meetings of the week. On Sunday, Oct. 11, special services are to be held in nearly all the churches of Derbyshire, where the pulpits will be occupied by prominent ministers of the denomination with a view to strengthening the denominational interests in the county.

—Dr. Austen K. DeBlois, of Chicago, has an article in the London *Baptist Times* on the subject of 'American Degrees,' in which he refers to the shameless traffic in diplomas and degrees which is carried forward by certain American concerns and which, he says, "has awakened the just condemnation of our British friends." Dr. DeBlois says: "There are two classes of educational institutions which are the chief offenders. First, there are the out and out bogus concerns, like the National University of Chicago, requiring no resident study and a merely nominal amount of non-resident study, simply enough of the latter to cover the scruples of a sensitive conscience in the case of any applicant who is not wholly lost to a sense of decency. . . . The second class of offenders comprises quite a number of small colleges . . . . These schools have yielded to the temptation to augment their income and swell their list of graduates by offering courses of non-resident study more or less extended, leading to a doctor's degree. . . . These schools are quite destitute of all facilities for carrying forward the extended and elaborate courses of study and research which the modern university requires of candidates for the higher degrees. They sign the death warrant of their own reputation when they make their initial announcement of graduate courses."

### From Halifax.

The District Committee of Halifax has begun its year's work and seems disposed to double its diligence. It has held two meetings since the convention. An offer of \$400 having been made for supporting a missionary in the county of Halifax, it is proposed that the committee shall cooperate with the churches at Jeddore in securing an efficient pastor for those churches, who, with additional help, will do extensive missionary work in the eastern section of the county. To forward this undertaking Dr. Kempton visited Jeddore, preached five sermons three of which were on the Sabbathday, consulted with the people, and found them ready to cooperate with the District Committee in the matter reported above. It is believed that in a short time a man will be found for the Jeddore churches who with the consent of his churches, will cooperate with the committee in mission work.

At the meeting on Tuesday evening it was decided to make arrangements with the churches at Sackville and Hammond's Plains to hold the next meeting with them. Through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR the committee has learned that Mr. Tingley will soon close his labours in that field. The demand is urgent for a good man to follow him in these churches.

The Rev. Mr. White, Missionary of the Home Mission Board to the coloured churches of the province, met with the District Committee on the 20th. Since leaving Windsor Plains where 14 converts were baptized, he has spent a short time at Africville. He goes this week to New Glasgow. After looking after the colored people in that town he will go to Tracadie and labor with the church in that place. Father Joseph Dimock planted that vine. The Rev. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, now laboring with the Cornwallis Street church, were also present at the meeting of the District Committee. They are much interested in the colored people and are planning to raise money to pay off the mortgage on the Cornwallis St. church.

The city churches have enjoyed a visit from the Rev. Walter Calley, Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. for North America. He was present at the morning service in the first church last Sunday. After the sermon by Mr. Waring, he gave an address of much fervor. He addressed the young people in the North Church in the afternoon, and occupied the Tabernacle pulpit in the evening. His powerful appeals at the three services were highly appreciated. Dr. Calley, a little more than a year ago resigned the pastorate of the Tabernacle, Boston, to enter upon this work. He is forceful and sympathetic; and is doing a great work on his great field.

The pulpit of the North Church was filled on the 13th by the Rev. William Bambrick Boggs, D. D., who with his family is now enjoying a well earned rest, after 30 years' work in the Indian mission field. On 20th Dr. Boggs was in the pulpit of the first church. His sermons were sound, savoury and vitilized by his thirty years experience in India.

Seeing and hearing Dr. Boggs reminded reporter that answers can be given in some cases at least to the sinister questions—what becomes of the results of flaming revivals? In 1858 T. H. Porter, a licentiate went into Colchester

County. A very extensive revival followed his labors. He preached at Brookfield, at St. Andrews, Stevens Settlement, Upper and Lower Stewiacke, and Upper Musquodibit. He was a very zealous young man. Indeed, his zeal seemed to increase with his years as long as life lasted. At Lower Stewiacke, it had been announced that the young man would preach in the School house on a certain evening. W. F. Boggs was living in the place at this time; and was asked to go and hear the ranting Baptist preacher. He had no inclination to go. He and his wife were Episcopalians. His grandfather, James Boggs, of New Jersey, had taken sides with the British in the war for Independence. He became a doctor in the army. Two of his sons, Charles and Thomas, came with their father to Nova Scotia. The other two took the American side and remained in the States. The son of one of these was the late Admiral Charles Stewart Boggs of the United States navy. The army doctor and his wife, rest in the cemetery opposite Government House, overlooked by the Parker and Welsford monument. William Fraser Boggs above referred to and son of Charles, and his wife who was Miss Jessie Clow, a daughter of an officer in the British navy, were living as already stated, at Lower Stewiacke at the time of Mr. Porter's visit. Their family consisted of three sons, William B. George and Thomas. Both Mr. Boggs and his wife went to hear the young Baptist rant. His first sermon captured their hearts. They invited him to their house; but said Porter, "I have a horse and sleigh." The reply was, "there is room for all." The invitation was accepted. The youthful evangelist had a home under the Boggs' roof for a month—a month never forgotten by the evangelist or by any member of that family. In that month the Boggs household learned all about revivals, and Baptist evangelizing. There were meetings day and night. The sleigh bells made merry music over that country by the people who flocked to the service. Some of the people believed and some of them disbelieved. Some helped and some hindered. But the Boggs family felt that they had entertained an angel unawares.

T. H. Porter, senior, the father of the evangelist, was then pastor of the church at Sackville and Hammonds Plains. He was sent for to baptize the converts. On the 14th of February, 1858, William Bambrick Boggs with a number of others were baptized by the senior Porter who was also a zealous evangelist. The Rev. S. Reid and Rev. John Scott took part in this wonderful work of grace.

The senior Porter remained four weeks co-operating with his son. He baptized forty three converts. On the 21st of February Mrs. Boggs and another son, George, were baptized. Three months after this, the father W. F. Boggs, was baptized by the late Rev. W. G. Parker. Before the revival was ended the Rev. R. D. Porter, brother of T. H. P. junior, baptized a number of converts. Over 60 in all made a profession of faith in Christ.

In January, 1871, Rev. W. B. Boggs baptized the last one in the family—his brother, Thomas Boggs. Three of Mr. Boggs' sons have graduated at Acadia College. One of them, W. Edward has been a missionary in India for the last thirteen years. Theodore Harding is now a teacher in Horton Academy.

Please follow up the results of that revival along the line of this one family in their cumulative progress until the end of time; and to this in, imagination, add the outcome of it in the lives of all the people who were influenced by it, and in the lives of their descendants as long as time lasts and then say that money spent on evangelists is money thrown away. God sees not alone the beginning and the middle; but the end also of all such work. Go into India where the father, and the son have labored and will still labor, and where they may be joined by the other sons in this great work; and then say that revivals at home have nothing to do with work in heathen lands. The work is one—the vision is one.

REPORTER.

### The Amherst Hospital.

Inspired by a most praiseworthy philanthropic spirit, the town of Amherst, N. S., is erecting a well-equipped and modern hospital, where, at small expense, the sick will be able to secure the attention of skilled physicians and trained nurses, with other comforts and advantages pertaining to a well-equipped institution of this kind. The town of Amherst having expended \$20,000 in the erection of the hospital throws it open without restriction to the public at large, and having done so the Board of Management appeals with confidence to the other towns of the county and to the county at large for sympathy and generous support in maintaining the hospital and the training school for nurses to be established in connection therewith, since only by such generous support can the institution be maintained ready at all times to receive and care for the sick and wounded. The appeal of the Board, which is subscribed by W. M. Read Chairman and C. Stanley Sutherland, Secretary, says:—

While the interest charged upon the revenues of the town of Amherst by the capital expenditure made in erecting this institution will amount to \$800 or more annually that is not by any means the sole contribution the hospital will receive from the citizens of this town. The Board has every reason to expect from our churches, our Woman's Aid Society, our Working Men and the citizens generally, a very

earnest, hearty and continued support. The Woman's Aid Society has already raised a fund amounting to \$700.00 and its members are still at work supplementing that sum. The running expenses of the institution will increase from year to year and at the outset will, it is estimated, not fall short of \$1,000. In the town of New Glasgow the Aberdeen Hospital is conducted successfully on similar lines and through the channel of the churches, Women's and Men's Working Societies very substantial contributions are received from year to year throughout all Pictou County, and by the united efforts of the people of that county, both inside and outside the town of New Glasgow the institution there has become a marked success.

Understanding that the Woman's Aid Society in Amherst intends appealing to the ladies in other parts of the County to establish sister societies, this Board heartily indorses that idea. Were one Sunday in each year set apart by each congregation and church in the County and Towns to be known as "Hospital Sunday," and were collections to be taken up on that day for the benefit of the hospital a very substantial yearly sum would by this united effort be the result and the Board earnestly recommends this scheme to the pastors of the different churches throughout the County trusting they will see their way clear to recommend the same to their several congregations.

The Board suggests that the first Sunday of October in each year be so set apart.

The hospital at New Glasgow receives a yearly grant from the County of Pictou through its County Council and this Board believes that when the aims, objects and privileges of the Amherst Hospital are fairly placed before the members of the County Council for the County of Cumberland and their constituents a substantial yearly grant will also come from that source and the Board urges the friends of the hospital throughout the County to impress upon the Council of the district within which they reside the importance of giving his support to such a grant. A delegation from this Board would readily go to any district in the County to give further information upon the subject in hand upon receiving an invitation.

### Our Twentieth Century Fund. \$50,000.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention have taken steps to have the canvass completed looking towards the raising of the entire sum of fifty thousand dollars.

To do this the Committee have engaged the Rev. H. F. Adams for a time to work in this direction. To aid us the committee of the Northwest missions have kindly lent us the Rev. A. J. Vining to spend a few weeks in New Brunswick. One brother is now on the territory and at work. We bespeak him a very cordial reception from our churches, and a hearty response. We ask all the pastors, deacons and clerks of churches which he visits, to make the best arrangements possible, to facilitate his work in the churches, advertise well, and aid in his movements from place to place. The following is a list of the Churches he will visit this fall.

Rev. A. J. Vining's itinerary.

Oct. 5—Hampton Station; Oct. 6—Hampton Village; Oct. 7—Norton; Oct. 8—Collins; Oct. 9—Hillsdale and Hammond; Oct. 11—Cardwell and Sussex; Oct. 12—Coverdale 1st; Oct. 13—Coverdale 2nd; Oct. 14—Coverdale 3rd; Oct. 15—Caledonia; Oct. 16—Dawson Settlement; Oct. 18—The Valley and Hillsboro 1st; Oct. 19—Albert; Oct. 20—Glenora; Oct. 21—New Horton; Oct. 22—Alma; Oct. 23—Waterside; Oct. 25—Lutz Mountain; Oct. 27—Oak Bay; Oct. 28—Rolling Dam; Oct. 29—Bartlett's Mills; Oct. 30—St. Andrews 1st; Nov. 1—St. Stephens; Nov. 2—Doddstown; Nov. 4—Ludlow or Salem; Nov. 5—Whitneyville; Nov. 6—Newcastle; Nov. 8—Campbellton. H. F. ADAMS.

### Interesting Personalities.

The Magazine Number of The Outlook for October is notable for several articles dealing with the personal life of men who have, or have had, a great influence upon the world's history. It is also notable for a great amount of original illustration drawn by artists of ability expressly for this purpose. The bi-centenary of the birth of Jonathan Edwards, which occurs early in October, is made the occasion of a unique article by Kate M. Cone, in which the personal rather than the theological side of Jonathan Edwards' life is dwelt upon, and his mingled asceticism and sweetness of temper are strikingly brought out, the drawings by Chas. W. Furlong aid greatly in this result. The second of the articles by Edward A. Steiner on Tolstoy deals with Tolstoy's "Marriage and Family Life," a singular story, and one full of personal interest; pen-and-ink drawings by Russian artists furnish portraits and other illustrations; these articles now publishing in The Outlook are the result of several month's residence in Russia by Professor Steiner, undertaken for this express purpose, and will form part of a book, "Tolstoy the Man," soon to be published by The Outlook Company.

### Literary Notes.

"Four Roads to Paradise" is the title of a novel by Mrs. Maud Wilder Goodwin, which is to appear in The Century Magazine, beginning with the November number. The title was suggested by this passage from the Talmud: "Four men entered Paradise: one beheld, and died; one lost his senses; one destroyed the young plants; one only, entered in peace." It is a love story of New York people, with the principal scenes in New York and Florence. In character drawing, observation of life, wit, and literary finish, the conductors of The Century confidently believe that this novel will place Mrs. Goodwin among the foremost story-writers of America.