

The Monthly Record.

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The month of October, in Nova Scotia, has been marked by three events more or less directly connected with the work of the Church. The three events to which we refer are, first, the Convention in this Province of Delegates representing Young Men's Christian Associations—held in Halifax during the first week of October; second, the issue of the first statement and appeal of the newly formed British American Book and Tract Society; and, third, the commencement of our new school year, and holding of our annual school meetings over the province. It will at once be seen that each of these things have a somewhat direct bearing on the work of the Christian Church. The Christian Minister needs the School Teacher as a pioneer—the colporteur agency he is glad to welcome as an auxiliary—and the Young Men's Christian Association he should regard as one of the wings of his army. Accordingly, it is just what was to be expected when we find ministers of all denominations, our own among the number, taking an active part either in the way of superintendence, or co-operation, or encouragement in all the three. Their names are found in connection with the convention, addressing, encouraging and welcoming the young men. Their names are found in the list of the Board of Directors of the new Tract Society, and their names are found in the list of school commissioners, examiners of teachers, and visitors of Schools. But we want more than this. While the ministers do their part, let the people also do theirs. Let them give their sons to swell the roll of membership of the Associations. Let them give their money to swell the funds of the Tract Society; and let them give themselves to the work of co-operation in the School Section.

At the Young Men's Convention there were upwards of 70 delegates, but these did not, probably, represent more than 40 or 50 localities, so that many parts of the Province must have been unrepresented. It is to be hoped, however, that a measure of interest in the matter may have been awakened all over the country, and it is sincerely to be desired that every town and village, and

district should soon be found with its flourishing Young Men's Christian Association. Now is the time to form new Associations where none at present exist. The Halifax Association has undertaken to be a kind of centre for the diffusion of information, and generally for holding out a helping hand.

With regard to the Tract Society, we give on another page an extract from the Committee's appeal. Most of the newspapers contain lists of the subscriptions already received; and any of our readers who do not find their names on that list, and are disposed to assist in setting this new piece of machinery in motion might send a few dollars to the Treasurer.

Our School Teachers are no new set of functionaries—they are old friends, and we trust they will continue to receive encouragement, and be rewarded with success in their arduous and important work.

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ERRATUM IN OUR LAST.—Instead of "we publish in the present number a sermon bearing on Foreign Missions," read "we published in the August number."

WE learn that the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, has just received an accession to its staff of ordained missionaries. The Rev. Jas. McColl, sent out by the Colonial Committee, at the desire of the Presbytery, arrived by last mail steamer.

WE are glad to be able to state that the Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Earltown, who was for a few weeks, early in the fall, laid aside from active duty, is well again and able to attend to his pastoral duties. The Rev. Mr. Anderson who has more recently had a severe attack of fever is also, we are happy to learn, recovering, though still very weak.

WHILE the congregations of Earltown and Wallace had been deprived of the services of their ministers by sickness for a few Sabbaths, there are two others of our congregations likely to lose their present pastors by removal to another part of the New Dominion. It is expected that the Rev. Mr. McKay of Salt Springs will shortly be transiated to the charge of Lochiel, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, and the Rev. Mr. Gordon of Truxo to the city of Ottawa.

WE would remind all our ministers and congregations of the Foreign Mission Collection, enjoined by Synod to be made on Sabbath 3rd November, or first opportunity thereafter.