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—JUDGE BARKER, of the Equity Court of New Brunswick, on Friday last, delivered judgment in the case of Bradshaw *versus* the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, refusing the application of the plaintiff for a new trial. This, we suppose, finally disposes of this tedious, troublesome and expensive business. The F. M. Board is to be congratulated on this fact and upon having its cause finally vindicated in the courts.

—AT the annual Indian Conference, recently held at Mohawk, N. Y., Miss Collins, a worker of twenty-five years experience among the Sioux, declared that the real problem is not a problem of what to do with the red man, but what to do with the white man. Given good agents, teachers, missionaries and neighbors, and the Indians are as easily reached by high and noble influences and may as readily be christianized as any others.

—"JUDGE C. C. KOHLSAAT," says the Chicago *Standard*, "of the Probate Court, Chicago, in the course of his daily duties, administering justice in a position of high responsibility comes in contact with many queer sprigs of humanity. Not long since a man presented a bill for $300 to the court, desiring to collect the same from the estate of a man whom he had attempted to cure of a disease which had resulted fatally. When asked by the judge if he were a physician, he answered in the negative, and then went on to assert that he had treated the man as Christ had treated diseased persons, being as Christ to his patient. "Do you mean to say," asked Judge Kohlsaat, "that you treated this case as Christ did?" "I do." "Well then," said the judge, "we will continue the analogy a little further and let the treatment be free."

—THE Baptist pastors of St. John met in their usual weekly conference on Monday morning. All were present, except Pastor Ganong. Rev. J. H. Hughes, was also present. Pastor Gordon reported that the ordinance of baptism had been administered at Main Street on Sunday evening. The others were able to give an encouraging report of the work in connection with their churches. Some of the ministers had visited St. George during the week and gave an interesting account of the meetings held there. Pastor Gates gave a report of the S. S. Convention which he had attended at Woodstock. The matter of special appeals to the churches for funds came up incidentally, and it was resolved that "The Finances of the Denomination" should be the subject for consideration at the next meeting of the Conference. The attention of the brethren having been called to the very weak condition of Rev. B. N. Hughes, of Riverside, Albert Co., very earnest prayers were offered for this brother that he might be graciously sustained in his affliction.

—"IT is with the Bible," says the *Watchman*, "as it is with persons. There comes through personal contact with others a conviction of their sincerity and worth that does not rest upon our ability to prove that they are high-minded and noble. We are aware of it in their presence. It is so with the Bible. The best argument for the divinity of the Book is not the investigations of Flinders Petrie or the evidences of Hopkins or Erskine, but contact with it—a simple knowledge of what it teaches, against what it warns, to what it incites. The popular ignorance of the Bible, which is so serious that it is commanding the attention of all educators, is not simply an ignorance of the Bible facts; it is something more vital than that and something with which the educators do not usually concern themselves; it is an ignorance of Scriptural ideals of life and Scriptural thoughts about God. Many of those who love the Bible most are so busy in defending it from this and that assault that they neglect to show what the Book is. They are so anxious and zealous in answering this or that objection or cavil that they neglect to present the teachings of the Book and to suffer its glorious revelation of human life and divine character to speak for itself."

—WE are informed that on Friday evening, Oct. 30th, there will be held in the Tabernacle church Halifax, a farewell service for our missionaries who are about to leave our shores for India. A fine cut has been prepared of the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Gullison, Miss Harrison and Miss Newcombe, which we had expected to present, with short personal histories of the missionaries, this week, but the sketches have not been received in time for this issue. We shall no doubt be able to present them next week in connection with the report of the farewell meeting which will doubtless be of a very interesting character. A large number of our people have had the privilege of becoming personally acquainted with those who are now going as a reinforcement to our little army of missionaries in India. All who have met them or who have seen and heard them at the public gatherings will, we are sure, feel a strong interest in them, and they will also certainly have a warm place in the hearts of many who have not had the privilege of looking into their faces and hearing their earnest words. These all will unite with us in wishing the missionaries Godspeed, and in praying that they may be greatly blessed in the work to which they have given themselves.

—MISS EVA BOOTH, a daughter of General Booth and Salvation Army Commissioner in Canada, visited St. John last week. She was accompanied by her adopted son, "Little Billee"—"a three and-a-half year old golden haired boy"—one of four adopted waifs belonging to the Commissioner's family. Little Billee won the hearts of the audiences by his singing and his golden hair. The visit of the Commissioner was a great event for the ARMY folks and many came into the city from different parts of the country. Besides the services held in the Army building on Charlotte street, meetings were held in the Institute on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. On every occasion the Institute was crowed to the doors with very orderly and appreciative congregations. Miss Booth is a woman of strong personality. A daily paper speaks of her as "a typical Booth" and remarks in her a strong resemblance to her father, the General. The resemblance is no less marked in intellectual and spiritual traits than in physical features. She is a remarkably fluent speaker, having a wonderful command of language. She gives the impression of great earnestness and profound spiritual conviction. Her preaching goes directly to the great issues of life and death, and she sets forth the terrors of a judgment to come with great impressiveness and power. We think that no unprejudiced person could listen to Miss Booth and not feel assured that she had a message from God; and though her way may not be our way, yet we staid and proper people of the churches may with much advantage to ourselves hear the burning message which she is uttering, and no christian we are sure can hear her and fail to wish her God-speed in her work.

Ontario Letter.

REV. P. K. DAYFOOT.

"There's a flush on the cheek of the pippin and peach,
And the first glint of gold on the bough of the beech;
And the bloom from the stem of the buckwheat is cut,
And there'll soon be a gap in the burr of the nut."

If Clinton Scollard had climbed the hills of this region and tried to describe the landscape, he could not have pictured it more truly than in the above lines. If the bloom of the summer is gone, we have the glory of the autumn in its place. I would like to take the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR over this county and show them a scence of beauty not easily surpassed. We have not the rolling ocean, but we have lakes and rivers and jutting headlands, and every combination of forest and field to charm the eye. We have had abundant rains this fall, so that the grass keeps green and the springs keep full; and the farmers find the soil in good condition for ploughing.

OUR INDIAN WORK

is pressing us hard. It is growing faster than we can overtake. A year ago, in four of the Manitoba reservations, 76 converts were baptised by Henry Prince, that marvellous Indian whom God has called to be an apostle to his red-skinned countrymen. As there was no one available to shepherd these converts, they were left to themselves. Months passed away, and it was feared they had lapsed into paganism or at least into indifference. In July last, Henry Prince and Rev. S. Van Tassell visited them. What did they find? Not only had they remained steadfast, but they had been holding meetings and souls had been saved. Could the same number of untaught, untrained, newly converted, half civilized whites have done any better? There is a door wide open and an opportunity urgent for Canadian Baptists among the aborigines of the North West. But where is the man to go in, and where is the money to send him?

REV. GEO. C. GRUBB

is one of Ireland's ablest and most successful evangelists. He has travelled almost round the world in his work as a missioner of the church of England, and has been richly blessed. Last winter he spent in Ontario, and one week in this town. We were all uplifted by his visit and by his earnest preaching. When he went to Toronto, Massey Hall that held the B. Y. P. U. Convention of 1895, did not hold all the people who flocked to his meetings. While on his return to England, he took to reading the Bible on baptism. As a result he decided to be immersed; and on a Thursday morning in Sept., in company with a student of Cambridge University and another young man, he was baptised by the Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, Eng. Mr. Grubb is a man of impressive appearance, standing six feet and four inches. He is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and holds the degree of M. A. He has not yet made public his future plans.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS

have been holding an inter-provincial convention in Ottawa, Ont. Reports from various sections show a total of 1,853 societies, an increase of 201 since last year. Denominationally they stand, Methodist, 759; Presbyterian, 577; Union, 183; Episcopalian, 40; Congregational, 77; Baptist 92; Disciple, 28; Christian, 19. Rev. A. F. McGregor, a Congregational pastor in Woodstock, Ont., who organized the first C. E. Society in Ontario, has been chosen president for the coming year.

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

opened Oct. 7th, with so large an attendance that extra accommodation had to be secured outside the college residence. On Friday evening, Oct. 9th, the senior students initiated the freshmen, not by bumping and bruising them, but by giving them a supper. This plan might well be adopted by other institutions. On Friday evening, Oct. 16th, the opening exercises were held. The special feature of the evening was a lecture by Prof. Farmer, on "The relation of McMaster to the theological tendencies of the present day."

Port Hope, Oct. 17.

Denver Letter.

PLEASURES AND PROBLEMS.

"A merry heart doeth good like medicine." I had as soon listen to Burdette as take a brisk walk in bracing October air. Both experiences are stimulative and healthful. It means a great deal that man is the only animal who can laugh. Woe be to the people who have no time for any fun. Perhaps we Americans have been accustomed to take even our pleasures too seriously. I believe Denver's "Festival of Mountain and Plain" to be a wise and important move. I like the term "Festival." It sounds joyous and seems inclusive of manifold recreations. I like the phrase "Mountain and Plain." It is at once an invitation to a wide constituency and an intimation of Denver's present and future greatness. It is suggestive of the uniqueness for situation which is to make Denver, if not the "joy of the whole earth," yet a joy of the earth, the typical and pivotal city of the west. The Pageant of Progress, on Tuesday of last week, was a representation of the enterprise and resources of our state that no one need have been ashamed to have all all the world see. In the masking phase on Wednesday, there were some unseemly things. Next year there can be precautions against this. The Thursday evening parade consisted of allegorical floats, and was far and away the best thing of the kind I ever saw. It was artistic, magnificent, and without an objectionable feature. It was educative in the truest sense. The splendors and riches of the orient were, for the moment, showered at our feet. It broadened one's world, moved his admiration and left no sting.

THE PROBLEMS.

We turned from last week's pleasures to this week's problems, the first of which was no less an undertaking than the closing of the Sunday theatres. At the demand of the Christian Endeavor Union of the city, the Fire and Police Board at last took the proper action against the "Orpheum." The proprietors of the theatre at once went into the district court and obtained an injunction restraining the Board from enforcing the city ordinance. On Monday of this week many of the christians of Denver gave the Board to understand that they believed the fight should be carried through the courts until the right shall win.

We believe in the Sabbath, but most of all in the American Sabbath, for as the complexity and intensity of life increases, the importance of God's safeguards is more clearly seen.

We believe in personal liberty. For this our fathers fought and died, though sometimes, owing to human frailty which so manifests itself in mistaken judgment, they themselves violated it, and very strikingly in their Sabbath legislation.

But we believe also in the preservation of our American institutions. When a man attacks these his liberty ends. While there is much that should be left to the individual choice, if the stores are to run full blast on Sunday, if professional baseball or football clubs are to make their profits out of shouting Sunday throngs, if the theatres are to lift the curtain upon their sensationalism before the applauding crowds, we simply will have no Sunday. Here then must come in the preservative function of legislation. The hand that would tear down an American institution must be shackled. The theatres of Denver are doing more toward the secularisation of our Sunday than all other agencies combined. It is none too soon that the city C. E. Union has begun its good work.

The next problem concerned the Baptist cause in the city. Some of our ministers are anxious that there should be truer consecration, more real union, and a more manifest Baptist *esprit de corps*. A "social union" is talked of, and plans for united evangelistic effort are suggested. Yesterday was observed as a day of prayer with especial reference to our interests in this city. The meetings were held with the Broadway church.

Nor did we forget Mr. Moody's call to prayer. At least one of our churches has taken definite action with reference thereto, and a praying band assembled at Haymarket mission on the 8th. The present political excitement in the country and the condition of Armenia are certainly "problems," though problems of vastly different import.

We continue to be blessed at "Capital Hill." The little band of 33 of two years ago now numbers 91. During this second year of church life, the consecrated and capable band have met all current expenses and given well to missions. C. W. WILLIAMS.

Oct. 16.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Lunenburg country district meeting met at North West, Tuesday, Oct. 13, but owing to the violent storm the attendance was very small, therefore the meeting was adjourned until the following Tuesday to meet at the same place.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20th, nature smiled on our meeting, and the day called out the largest representatives of pastors we have had for some time. Eight out of the nine pastorates were represented. Bro. March sent word he was sorry he was unavoidably detained. In addition to these, we had present with us Bro W. L. Archibald, Lic., and Bro. Bishop, Lic., beside lay representations of the New Germany, Mahone Bay, and Lunenburg churches. Pastor Reid, the chairman of the district meeting, reported having baptised two, since coming on the New Germany field. Deacons Delong and Barss spoke of the high appreciation in which Pastor Reid was held on the field. Pastor Crandall spoke of the condition of his field; reported the New Canada church as being in good working condition, having finished the parsonage and having it all paid for. Chelsea is in a very low spiritual state. Pastor Archibald reported on the Lunenburg Town church. This was the first meeting pastor Archibald had been able to attend for about five months, owing to severe illness. The brethren were heartily glad to see him again at his beloved work. The New Ross field represented by pastor Blakeney is doing well for the Convention Fund, having raised the sum allotted to them. Pastor Morse gave a very encouraging report of the Bridgewater church, also at Pastor March's request, reported on his field Lakeville and Lapland in a very hopeful condition, the pastor having baptised three at the latter place within a short time. Pastor McGregor, of Tancook, meets with the district meeting for the first time, reports the preaching services well attended on his field but prayer meetings, but sparsely attended.

Pastor Parry also reports the preaching services well attended on his field, but the prayer-meeting lacking in interest in Chester. Chester Basin not in a very satisfactory condition spiritually, and Western Shore in an unsettled state owing to the preaching there of the Seventh Day Advents. Pastor Shaw baptised two at New Cornwall in June. The Sunday school is well attended and is doing good work. Mahone Bay church about as usual. The North West meeting house has had a new foundation placed under it and improved on the inside, while the pastor has been the recipient of a very handsome fur coat as a slight appreciation of the love and respect in which he is held by his people.

At the evening session a very earnest address was given by pastor McGregor, on Foreign Missions and also an earnest address by pastor Cornwall on Home Missions. Pastor Morse preached a very thoughtful sermon on the words, "We spend our years as a tale that is told," Psalm 90: 9, after which he led an evangelistic service which was participated in by a large number of those that were present. After giving the unsaved an opportunity of showing their desire to throw in their lot with the people of God, the meeting was dismissed in order to give the delegates a chance to finish the business of the session. At this meeting it was resolved that the district meeting meet on Tuesday following third Sunday, every two months at a place to be selected by the executive committee, also the programme to be left with the same committee.

J. W. DIMOCK, Sec.

Pictou and Colchester Counties Quarterly Meeting.

The quarterly meeting of Pictou and Colchester counties was held with the church at Acadia Mines, Oct. 12th and 13th. Pastors Dimock, Adams, Parker, Spidell, Chipman and Clark were present, and, among the other delegates were Bro. Oscalow Nelson of Truro, Bro. Wilson of New Annan, Bro. Carr and wife of Portapique. The first session was held on Monday evening when Pastor Spidell preached from Luke 13: 29. A deeply interesting testimony meeting followed. On Tuesday morning Pastor Dimock read a paper on "The Pastor's Private Devotions," and in the afternoon Pastor Clark spoke on "Family Religion." Both these subjects were discussed by the delegates present. A carefully prepared paper on "The Holy Spirit as a Teacher," was presented by Pastor Adams. On Tuesday evening an evangelistic service was conducted by Pastor Adams. The sermon was an able presentation of the gospel and the presence of the Spirit seemed manifest.

O. N. CHIPMAN.

Literary Notes.

The November number of the "Missionary Review of the World," is full of interest and useful information. Rev. R. L. McNabb, in his article on "Foreign Community Life in China," presents a clear view of the hindrances to christian missions arising from the low immoral and unprincipled lives of many of the foreign residents at the Treaty ports. It is a subject which has been little touched upon, but which should awaken the attention of those who have the interests of the Kingdom at heart. The second paper on "Russian Stundists" describes the cruel persecutions which these subjects of the Czar are compelled to undergo, and which, in some instances, resemble the inhuman atrocities practised upon the Armenians in Turkey. The Field of Monthly Survey takes up South America, Mormonism, and Frontier Missions in the United States. The Editorial and General Intelligence Departments will repay a careful reading and furnish much food for thought. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. $2.50 a year.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:
"We are laborers together with God"

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.

For our Northwest Mission, the work among the Indians and all the laborers, that this year there may be a great ingathering of souls. For the W. M. A. S., that every sister may be interested in this mission work.

Reports.

The reports for 1896 are completed earlier than usual and by this time we hope have reached all our societies. If any have miscarried or been over-looked please send at once to Mrs. Smith, Amherst, and order as many as your society will need. The matter contained in these reports should be read by every member of our W. M. A. S.; no one can become acquainted with our work without being familiar with these reports. Each has its own peculiar interest and then the financial statement should be something to make us all happy and praise God from whom all blessings flow. One sister who, from sickness, was unable to be present at Convention, writes, "I have watched eagerly for the report of W. B.-M. U. It has arrived and been carefully and joyfully read. The work has grown more in the past ten years than for any preceeding five years. Let us thank God and take courage to undertake still greater things for Him this year." Please remember, my sisters, that these reports cost money. Look at the amount they cost last year and how much was sent to our treasurer to refund this money. Then ask did our society pay for the reports we received? Are they not worth five cents to you? They are worth five times five to me, and more if that would not purchase them. After reading, keep them carefully laid aside for reference. There are only three complete files that can be obtained.

In future years, these reports you treat so lightly now, will be of great value. In your public meetings make use of the material found there. It will be an education to your young people and increase their interest in our mission work.

Andover.

On October 15th we observed Crusade Day. From our closets we started out to visit through the afternoon. We have, as the result of our walk through the rain and talking mission work to all we met, four new members on our list and a promise from two other sisters to join. We felt repaid for the tired feet that reached the church in time to help arrange the program for the evening meeting. Our young people came out ready and willing to work and the program as follows was very nicely carried out: Mrs. J. E. Wright, President, in the chair; Miss Bessie Wright, organist, "The Morning Light is Breaking" was sung; a portion of Scripture read; Miss Addie Sisson prayed; Mrs. Wright addressed the meeting on "The Work and its Greatness," with the map as a reference; Miss Bessie Wright gave a reading on "Dollars for Self and Cents for Giving"; Miss Lida Topham a recitation, "A Boy and his Mother"; a reading by Miss Edna Sisson, Polly's Potato Money"; a beautiful solo, "The Last Commission," by Miss Addie Sisson; Miss Laura Brewer read of 'The Women of Burma"; a recitation by Miss Lena Baird, "For the Light Bearer," with a response by Miss May Green, was very nicely given; Miss Sisson read from *Tidings* "Our hour of Prayer," and the meeting closed by singing "Jesus Saves" and prayer by the president. Our Sec'y-Treas. unlike our brother who, as we read last week, had married a wife and could not attend, had married a husband and was away on the bridal tour; in her absence we take up our pen to report and also to say we fully expect the promised blessing to follow our humble efforts.

L. S. W.

Hampton Village, N. B.

On Sept. 16th, Mrs. M. S. Cox, Provincial Secretary for New Brunswick, visited us for the purpose of organising an Aid Society in connection with the Hampton Village Baptist church. The Wednesday after the regular monthly conference we hold our meetings. We were gratified to enroll a membership of ten. At the election of officers, choice was made of—President, Mrs. Dixon; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dan; Treas., Mrs. Sharp; Sec'y, Maud Marsters. Since we are but in our infancy in this work, we desire the prayers of our older sisters that we may grow in knowledge and have the true missionary spirit.

MAUD MARSTERS, Sec'y.

Bridgetown, N. S.

The October meeting of the W. M. A. S. was held in the vestry of the church. We were gratified in seeing so many present, including several visiting sisters. The meeting was opened in the usual manner by singing, reading of Scripture and prayer. Pres. Mrs. F. M. Young, occupied the chair. The roll was called, to which all responded by appropriate texts of Scripture. Tidings were read from our missionaries, which proved cheering and helpful. The President, in a few words, touchingly referred to the near departure of one of our sisters, Mrs. Chipman, who goes to Wolfville to reside. After which an appropriate farewell address was presented her in behalf of the society, to which she warmly responded. She spoke of the pleasure and help she had received from our meetings, and that she would ever keep a warm place in her affections for this society. "Blest be the tie that binds" was then sung. It was a great pleasure to have our missionary elect, Miss Newcombe, with us. We will not soon forget her earnest, cheerful words, as she told of her struggles and victory, and the joy that filled her heart in full consecration to Christ. The meeting was then adjourned. A pleasant hour was spent in the reception room, where a bountiful tea had been provided. A very pleasant public meeting was held in the evening under the leadership of the President. After a short but interesting program, Miss Newcombe addressed the meeting. Those who had the privilege of listening must become stronger because of her helpful words. Our pastor briefly referred to the work being done by the sisters and encouraged us to labor on. The Pres., in behalf of the society, spoke a few tender words of farewell to Miss Newcombe. Meeting closed with prayer by the pastor. A. L. DIXON, Sec'y.

PERSONAL.

Many readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will be glad to have the privilege of reading a letter from Rev. C. W. Williams, of Denver, Col. A private note from Bro. Williams informs us that his own health and his sister's also has improved of late. Mrs. Williams health continues much the same as formerly.

The fourth annual convention of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States and Canada was begun at Washington on Tuesday. There are over 200 delegates in attendance, representing upwards of seventy-five different societies.