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Messenger and Visitor. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1892. THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Every year a report on the state of the denomination, or, as it is sometimes entitled, "On the State of Religion in the Denomination," is presented to Convention.

The churches are now asked to report the number of members that have family worship. We believe this subject is awakening thought.

Another subject in which the letters are to report is the hindrances to the work of the churches. These will be variously regarded.

exist among us as well as among others, and if any consideration of them at our annual meetings will help to lessen their power it will be labor well bestowed.

Other subjects might be named; but this is enough to justify a much fuller consideration of the state of religion in our churches than it has hitherto received.

President Thwing has lately given his opinion that the ancient custom of college commencements is now outgrown.

No doubt the exercises would be greatly strengthened by the additions indicated; but in many cases the anniversary would lose its greatest interest if the young men were not heard from.

Some weeks since we received from a correspondent an account of the closing exercises at Rochester Theological Seminary, for which, on account of its length and the demands which other matters have made on our columns, we have not been able to find room.

The following will be the colors used in the convention of '92. Convention trains will be decorated appropriately in harmony with this schedule.

- 1792-1892. CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL FUND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. "Cheerful Gleaners" Miss. Band, of German street church, St. John, \$10 00

College Funds. For two or three years past the reports from the churches in aid of the college have been less than the Governors had reason to expect.

Wolville, June 23. By Way of Explanation. Kindly allow me to make an explanation or two in regard to our building work on the field.

The second correction or explanation is this: Bro. Stewart says in the Messenger and Visitor that the missionaries estimate the cost of buildings at the new stations as \$5,000.

This convention which meets at Detroit, Mich., July 14-17, promises to be one of the largest Baptist gatherings ever held on the continent.

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The conference on Saturday afternoon was of much more than ordinary interest. In the evening the writer preached a centennial missionary sermon, in which a large amount of statistical information was given relative to the progress of Baptist missions in the last one hundred years.

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From Halifax. The report of the death of Captain Stairs, nephew of W. J. Stairs, Esq., and cousin of Mr. Stairs, M. P. for Halifax, cast a gloom over the city.

Since Mr. Adams removed from Halifax, Prof. Keirstead has preached for the First church. Prayerfully and diligently the church seek for a successor to Mr. Adams.

Quarterly Meetings. York and Sanbury Counties. Quarterly meeting with the Prince William Baptist church, on Friday, June 10, at 8 p. m.

Carlton, Victoria and Madawaska. I have just returned from the Carlton, Victoria and Madawaska Baptist quarterly meeting, held with the Andover Baptist church, on Friday, the 10th.

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me a number of valuable works for our library. I had numerous and hearty invitations from pastors who were present to visit their fields of labor and tell their people about St. Martins, which I will gladly do.

Rev. B. H. Thomas preached in the evening on the "Power of Life" to a very large audience.

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On Sabbath evening a foreign missionary meeting was held. Several brethren addressed a large and appreciative audience on that subject.

Fort Williams, per E. M. Campbell, F. M., \$8 00. Newcastle (Mission Band), per Maggie Clark, F. M., 6 00. Dartmouth (S. S. Mission Band), per W. H. Fielding, two shares in Building Fund, 20 00.

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Cambridge County Convention. The annual convention of A. Societies of Cambridge at Oxford, June 9. Devotion occupied the first hour, commencing at nine, when fervent prayers were offered.

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