

Editorial Notes.

—There are some people who are in constant dread of contagious diseases. They will lose no time in their efforts to avoid an exposure to some pestilence that may be stalking through the land. But those same men have no fear of contact with the great soul-destroying diseases of sin. Some of them will even go so far as to seek opportunities to expose themselves to it. They will even marry it, so much do they love it. Yes, indeed! It is "catching." One has only to open his eyes and look around and see men who have "taken" it from others. Step by step they have been beguiled, befooled, until they have lost their relish for the things that are "true and lovely and of good report." Their "love has waxed cold." Sin has done its deadly work.

—In another part of this paper under the head of "Notices" will be seen an abstract of Acadia's anniversary exercises. There will be no lack of interest from the first to the close. A very large attendance is expected. There is no doubt that Wolfville will put on her best robes. It is an education in itself to visit this seat of learning in early June. The place, the school, the environment, all contribute to the intellectual and esthetic culture of the visitor. Every year there are changes for the better. President Trotter is to be congratulated upon the evident signs of progress that are visible on every hand. There will be other changes as the endowment grows. Acadia is a healthy "child of providence." These are growing times. Let us give the "child" the best possible chance. Are you going to the Anniversary at Wolfville?

—Says the Toronto Globe—"A man to be appointed to the judiciary must possess the highest attributes of personal character and a reputation without offence. A lawyer who is known for his constitutional impeccability, or his intemperate habits, or for gambling, or for libertinism, no matter what his professional distinction or political influence, ought not to be thought of as a possible candidate for judicial appointment. A man who violates or transgresses the decencies of society is by his own life unfitted for judging the conduct of others and maintaining the dignity of judicial administration. These are well-chosen words and weighty withals. The government of the county cannot be too careful in the selection of the men who are to be judges in our courts of justice. A political "hanger on" in search of place, is not the man to fill such positions of trust and responsibility. He should be a man of undoubted probity as well as learned in the law. Legal attainments are valuable, but a good moral character is absolutely essential.

May Anniversaries.

This is a great week for the Baptists of the United States (North). The American Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies and the Publication Society are now in session, as also those of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies. Matters of great importance will be under consideration. It would be helpful to our work in these Provinces if some of the brethren could attend such meetings. There is always inspiration and stimulus from coming in contact with the live men who are to the front at such times. We always learn by seeing how others do things. The Northern Baptists are a vigorous, progressive, and cultured people. It is to be hoped that the best plans may be devised for so conducting the different departments of the Lord's work as to secure the best results. Efficient workers with efficient management at least expense are a prime requisite.

From Halifax.

A most interesting meeting was held a few days since at the Tabernacle. Twelve years ago, at the beginning of the ministry of the late Rev. W. E. Hall in that church, the ladies of the congregation invited Mrs. J. W. Manning, the late Miss Amy Johnstone, and Mrs. E. M. Saunders to meet with them and assist in forming a Woman's Missionary Aid Society. The Society then formed has done good work until the present time. Mrs. Hall has been to it a prominent inspiration and support. On the eve of her leaving Halifax, the Society gave a tea to which the families of the ministers of the city were invited. A public meeting followed the tea. These services were intended as a mark of esteem and honor for Mrs. Hall, who is about to leave for Toronto, where she will visit her daughter, and then return to Nova Scotia. Her son, Laurie, is a practicing barrister at Liverpool. The family will move to that town. The long sickness of Brother Hall has reduced the firm health of Mrs. Hall, so that her physician advised a visit to Toronto. Mrs. Hall and family leave in Halifax a host of steadfast and devoted friends. Brother Hall's successful labors in which he was sustained by his wife are highly appreciated and will not soon be forgotten.

Since coming to Halifax Mr. Waring's chief aim has evidently been to lead the unconverted to Christ. Nor have his labors been in vain. For three Sabbath evenings past there have been baptisms. Twenty-three have been received for that ordinance, of whom twenty-two have been baptized. Some changes have been made in the time of the public services. The Sunday School is held immediately after the morning meeting. A large class, varying from fifty to seventy-five, meet Mr. Waring in the gallery of the church. With good preparation on his part the exercises are efficient and most satisfactory.

The Rev. Mr. Jenner and Dr. Kempton have been abroad like our fathers in the ministry, on a missionary tour. Leaving Halifax on Wednesday, they first visited Bayside, the most eastern point on the seashore where members of the Indian Harbor church are found. There are fifteen Baptists in this place. Although they have no regular preaching, they keep up a Sunday School, and a prayer meeting. Here the brethren preached, and conformed the disciples in the faith. Going from this point five miles west, they came to Dover. There is a meeting house on each side of the Harbor, but no Sunday School or prayer meeting is sustained. There, too, they preached and encouraged the people. Seven miles further west is Indian Harbor, where the brethren found life and health. The Sunday School and prayer service are well sustained, whether a minister is or is not present. Des. Peter Isnor is a tower of strength to the church. Here the church got the benefit of the counsel and preaching of the brethren. On the Sabbath day and the first of the week, the two brethren covered all the ground—Daves, Indian Harbor, French Village, Head of the Bay, Ingram River, Black Point, Hubbard's Cove, and Mill Cove. The distance from Bayside to Hubbard's Cove is forty-five miles.

The brethren have recommended the Home Mission Board to send two good ministerial students on the ground for the summer, offering to exchange with these young men and administer the ordinances for them. The Halifax churches have received a large number of their members from St. Margaret's Bay churches. The brethren were well received and returned thanking the Lord for the luxury of this Home Mission work. The Rev. A. Coburn filled Mr. Jenner's pulpit in his absence, and the Rev. Mr. Richardson, an octogenarian, from Ontario, preached for Dr. Kempton. The veteran was as animated and earnest as a minister is supposed to be when first entering upon his work.

A report of the work at St. Margaret's Bay was given at the district meeting this week.

For years past, it has been thought by some brethren, that the head quarters of the Home Mission Board at the west end of the provinces, a point far removed from most of the missionary fields, has been a serious drawback to the efficiency of the work. Other localities have been spoken of—Wolfville, Truro, Amherst and Halifax. The special objection to the latter place, felt by the brethren in the city, is that they would have the responsibility of the work which has been so well done in these years past. Packets and steamers come from Prince Edward Island, and all the important points along the entire coast of the province to Halifax. Members of the churches and congregations along the seaboard are often seen in the churches of the city on the Sabbath days and at prayer meetings. It is, therefore, necessarily more central and convenient for giving intelligence and for travel, than any other point in the province. Confidence in the Board is unchanged, but it is believed that the Board labors under a serious disadvantage in being so far away from the mission fields. A discussion of this matter at the next convention, it is thought, might not be out of place and might result in a change for the better.

Dr. Fraser of the school for the blind has just returned from a mission to New Brunswick. He is well pleased, as he always is, with his visit. The new building is on his heart. The walls are climbing up. When finished, the accommodations will be ample and satisfactory. Dr. Fraser has visited the city and the new world; and is persuaded that the school for the Maritime Provinces is not behind any other school of a kindred character. Dalhousie College has closed for the year. Twenty-three B. A.'s and about five B. Sc. were sent out into the world, and the number from the law and medical schools who finished their courses raised the total graduation to nearly sixty.

Pine Hill, two, has finished another year of successful work. Twenty three students were at the school during the year. Dr. Pollock has resigned the presidency. He found the duties too heavy for his years. He is highly esteemed in the city.

Dr. Burch pastor of the Cornwallis St. church leaves for Boston for a four weeks visit to his family. Mr. Rees baptized two last Sunday, one of them his daughter.

Dr. Trotter visited Halifax and took back to Wolfville \$6,650 in pledges to the second Forward Movement fund. This came exclusively from the Smiths of the city. After every family in the city has done as well, the Dr. will have no good ground for complaining of Halifax. New Brunswick is, however, in the lead. Two men in that province have given \$10,000. If all the men in New Brunswick will do as well, Mr. Rockefeller will be

obliged to add a few more hundred thousand dollars, or else be left behind. The best part of these two New Brunswick gifts is that one was offered at the last meeting of the Board, and the other came in response to a letter. In both cases the donors evidently took the ground that Dr. Trotter could take the time he might employ in visiting them, to do some other necessary work. The brethren in New Brunswick who subscribed the last \$5,000 are of the opinion that there ought to be ten subscriptions of that amount. Who will say he is wrong. Who has a better right to say so?

REPORTER.

McMaster University.

The closing exercises of the McMaster University seem to have been of an unusually interesting nature. Two distinguished educators from the United States were present, viz. President Harper of the University of Chicago and Professor Robertson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The presence of these gentlemen of course was an added attraction to the Commencement Exercises. The past year has been very successful, though the total enrolment of students has been less than for the preceding year; but the number of regular students has been greater. In the absence of Chancellor Wallace, his work has been divided among the different professors. Prof. McKay has been the administrator pro tem, but Dr. Wilton has been the Chairman of the Faculty.

At the Convocation for the conferring of degrees, Principal Harper gave an address, the subject of which was "The Relation of Religion to the Higher Life." The Canadian Baptist in referring to it, says that "its substance was in essence a complete defence of the educational principles on which McMaster is based."

The address was most enthusiastically received. It was a fine presentation of the subject.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by Prof. Robertson. The sermon was based on Eph. III: 14-21, and was a strong plea for Christian manhood. Three thoughts were emphasized as growing out of the text (1) Strength in the inner man; (2) The indwelling of Christ; (3) The comprehension of the love of Christ.

Professor Robertson was heard for the first time in Toronto with great satisfaction. The passing years only make it more clear that the work of McMaster is well done and the influence of this school upon the life of the country is far reaching and most healthful. It is said that Prof. Wilton presided with his usual grace and dignity. He could not well do otherwise. THE MESSENGER AND VISITOR extends hearty congratulations to the professors and teachers of McMaster and best wishes for future growth and prosperity.

To the Alumnae of Acadia Seminary.

The twelfth annual re-union of the graduates of Acadia Seminary and Grand Pré Seminary will be held in the Seminary Building on the afternoon and evening of June first 1903.

One would think that the whole denomination would flock to our Commencement this year, when such a financial opportunity has come to our University for its upbuilding and when such an appeal has come from President Trotter for our co-operation.

The crying need of our institutions at Wolfville is the interest of her friends. Who should be her friends if not her graduates?—her own sons and daughters.

These are the times of rallies, re-unions, and conventions. Daughters of Acadia Seminary, let us have more than a rally, let us have a veritable home-coming, a time of rejoicing in our Alma Mater, a time when we shall be school girls again and bring to life all the old-time usiasm for Acadia. Let us come together that we may see for ourselves Acadia's needs and our individual duty in respect of those needs. Let us catch the inspiration of contact one with another and learn from each other how we are filling our several places in the school of life, and how we may better fill them.

Let "Our Class" be represented at least by you. Hoping to greet you every one,

For Acadia,
CLARA KING SHAW, President.

Brookline, Mass.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

Dear Sir:—Will you or some other person, through the columns of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, kindly explain why it is that the Home Missionary Board for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is located in Varmouth?

I used to think I saw some justification for its being there when New Brunswick was joined with the other two Provinces in the work, but at the present it seems to be out of touch with the fields where the work must be done and with the men needed for the weak churches. I am not finding any fault with the personnel of the Board. I am acquainted with some of the men on the Board, and hold for them the most profound respect. The present secretary is especially courteous and obliging. Neither am I finding fault with the work done; I presume it is the very best that could have been accomplished under the circumstances; but I have a strong conviction that were the Board located at Wolfville, Halifax, or Truro, it would be more in the centre of its work and could more easily obtain a knowledge of the conditions existing in the different mission churches.

Respectfully yours,

J. H. JENNER.

Halifax, N. S., May 14.