or Ma'am. Madam, please think of him. This is a big letter, madam. I do not know whether it is respectful to write such a big letter as this to ladies. But, in other hand, I have no fear to write to my loving mother even four sheets. Don't forget to send the hymn book. It is the same kind we use at Bimli. Please give my best salams to Miss Gray, Miss Wright and Miss Depratzer. Accept my kisses yourself and Mr. Archibald.

Yours most ob't. serv't,
B. SUBARAIDU.

P. S.—Now I got cough. Am sorry I hav't got pain-killer at all.

Mrs. J. C. Yule's Tract.

A few months since Mrs. J. C. Yule, of Ontario, prepared a very interesting article on Christian Giving. It was so well received by the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, that many deemed it desirable to have the essay printed in tract form and widely circulated in the families of our denomination in the Upper Provinces.

Dr. T. H. Rand, who is always ready for every good word and work, offered to bear the entire expense of putting 10,000 copies of this excellent tract in the families of our people in the Maritime Provinces. His offer was cheerfully accepted, and a circular was prepared to accompany every package of tracts. A few days ago Dr. Rand informed me that the tracts were ready. A mailing list was almost immediately sent to the publishers, Messrs Bentley & Co., of Montreal. These gentlemen will undoubtedly forward at an early date, post-paid, packages of tracts to all the pastors or clerks of our 370 churches. As we have over 40,000 church members and are to receive 10,000 tracts, I have ordered for each church one-fourth as many tracts as there are church members. The gentlemen to whom the packages are addressed will kindly read the circulars which accompany them and comply with the requests therein contained. If this is done I cherish the hope that much good will result from the reading of the tracts.

The question of finances is the question of the day with our denomination. Our churches have been appealed to publicly and privately, again and again, by letter and by the living voice, and yet a very large number has made no returns. The Convention will soon be here. The churches that have been so richly blessed during the year, will surely not allow the Board to report to Convention a heavy debt. An old gentleman of abundant means informed me not long ago that he was not saved by works, and he seemed to imply that he would not be any safer if he gave away ever so much. What is a man's salvation worth if it calls forth no gratitude to the Savior? Let each one ask his soul, "How much owest thou my Lord?"

May 29. G. E. DAY.

Notes.

I value the MESSENGER AND VISITOR because of its faithful advocacy of the principles and doctrines of the Bible; and I should feel inexpressible sorrow with every well-grounded Baptist in the truth of God, were the time to come, when through the wishes of *thin-skinned* Baptists, our paper would be silent upon those principles of the gospel for which many of God's noble men women have bled and died.

My experience in the matter is the more faithful I am in preaching the word of God in its entierty, the more I am blessed. God says to the prophet, "He that heareth my word let him speak my word faithfully." What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord, Jer. 23-28. That is, what is error to the truth? Then let our paper and every Baptist minister speak out God's truth faithfully.

I have just received a letter dated April 14, from my dear old friend, Bro. William George, of Zeegong, Burma, who was about 20 years ago pastor of the Oxford and Little River churches, and now, after so many years of trial and charge have passed away, still desires to be remembered to his many friends in this region, who are yet living.

He wishes to be remembered by us especially at the throne of God's grace. He says: "We are now passing through a perilous period. The whole country is in rebellion against British rule. White faces are to be killed." Villages are being burnt, many are suffering, from fear of losing their lives. Let us pray for our missionaries in Burma. This rebellion is referred to by the Rev. A. V. B. Crumb of Toungoo, in his letter under date of March 19th to the Missionary Magazine for the month of May. He says: "This year is proving to be a war year for Burma; and war makes hard times for all classes, especially for the missionaries who have charge of large districts of native disciples." *Danger*—"The last of January brother Case kindly went with me to see what could be done to protect the Christian villages in the northern part of the Shwaygreen Association. Several villages and chapels had been burned—one village had lost thirteen thousand rupees,—and the rebels were threatening to burn every chapel and Christian village in the whole country."

To read these letters from these brethren laboring for God in the East and to learn of the danger which threatens them and their work is to have our souls stirred up by strong desire that God may protect them and the native Christians from the ravages of rebellion.

My prayer is that God, who can cause the wrath of man to praise him, may stretch out his arm in the salvation of Bro. George and his family and all the other dear servants of our Lord, who are seeking to bring souls to Christ in the far away East.

T. M. MUNRO.

A Call to Rev. Thomas Todd.

Delegates from Avondale, Bloomfield, Lower Wakefield and Middle Simonds, met at Sherwood's Hall, Avondale, Carleton Co., N. B., May 27, to unite the above fields in a call to a pastor. Of 20 delegates appointed 19 were present. On motion of J. McCready, seconded by C. J. Shaw, T. I. Brooks was called to the chair and opened the meeting by reading a portion of Scripture, followed by prayer by J. McCready and the chairman, who then made some introductory remarks. After a speech by C. J. Shaw, on motion of Jas. Sherwood, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That we group together to secure the services of a pastor.

On motion of Joseph Sherwood, after a lengthy discussion

Unanimously Resolved, That we endeavor to secure the services of Rev. Thomas Todd for one year.

On motion of C. J. Shaw

Resolved, That a delegate from each of the four churches be appointed to ascertain how much each field can raise, and to confer with Bro. Todd as to his acceptance of the call.

The following were appointed: Joseph Sherwood, Lower Wakefield; T. T. Brooks, Middle Simonds; Albert Plummer, Avondale; Robert Fleming, Bloomfield. Meeting adjourned after a remarkably satisfactory and harmonious session.

C. M. SHERWOOD, Secretary,
T. T. BROOKS, Chairman.

An Address to the Rev. A. T. Dykeman.

Dear Bro.,—Whereas we, the Baptist ministers of Woodstock and vicinity, have learned with deep regret that you are about to depart from among us, it is with pleasure that we take this opportunity to express our entire approval of the course you have pursued both in doctrine and in practice while pastor of the Main Street Church, thus proving your fidelity to truth and loyalty to our beloved Denomination. We believe that the course you have pursued gives full proof of your wisdom and efficiency in the pastoral work.

Your uncompromising firmness in proclaiming the Gospel has endeared you to us as a faithful brother, and minister of Christ. It is our earnest wish that the Great Shepherd may go with you and place you where both you and your good wife may, in peace and prosperity, exercise the gifts which God has given you to the glory of His great Name.

Your brethren in Christ and the ministry,
THOS. TODD.
J. C. BLEAKNEY.
BENJ. JEWETT.
B. N. NOBLES.
W. F. PARKER.
A. H. HAYWARD.

The above address was presented to Bro. Dykeman by Bro. Todd, in the Albert Street Baptist Church on Sunday evening last, after the delivery of a most interesting and instructive sermon by the former.

Bro. Dykeman carries with him the good wishes of all his Baptist brethren here. The social worship that followed the preaching service evinced this plainly.

Bribery.

The trail of the serpent extents to every domain of life. Perfect sinlessness in a profession or business carried on by human beings, would be paradoxical. Hence it is not surprising that the politics of every country should be more or less stained by sin. The human heart is terribly wicked; and we must expect that the evil in man will be worked out in numerous forms by the varied and varying circumstances of life. The world looks upon the more hideous forms of sin with holy horror, but equally mischievous crimes seem to give it no perceptible shock. Nations and communities are nominally Christian; and so the business, socialities, and politics of these countries and communities come to be regarded as essentially Christian. But what does a close examination reveal? Blessed be God, much soundness; but alas, also much rottenness. Now, whence the goodness, and whence our salvation from the wickedness? From the vitaling influences of Christianity, Christ in the heart transforming the individual character is our great hope of deliverance from sin—personal and national.

The faithful Christian cannot be indifferent to any form of sin; on the contrary he has the strongest possible motives and is under the strongest possible obligation to realize in himself and to help others to realize in themselves the highest ideal of life.

Now it so happens that at the present time, this young country is seriously threatened by a great evil—a legal crime, a political curse, and a moral wrong, viz. bribery. Notwithstanding the strongest election law, the evil continues to grow. Indeed, so far has it spread, that the distinction between the church and the world can scarcely be drawn. Is that not criminal negligence which allows the public conscience to become so insensible to such a grievous sin? The church has boldly and effectually used its influence in other reforms; why silent in respect to this? The various religious bodies pass resolutions in regard to intemperance and the like: will they not speak in thunder tones against a practice which demoralizes the individual, vitiates the state, and violates the eternal principles of justice and liberty. It may be no part of the preacher's business to determine political questions for his hearers; but it is surely the business of all religious preachers, teachers and journals to rebuke sin and promote righteousness through the earth.

LAYMAN.

To W. M. A. Societies in N. S.

The blanks used for procuring the necessary statistics of our societies have been sent last week to the various secretaries in the differerent localities. Some mistakes as to the right name or direction may have occurred, but it is hoped they will be responded to at once by some one, as the secretary depends upon the information they bring, in preparing the Annual Report.

They should be returned by the first of July to MRS. SELDEN, Prov. Secy. for N. S.
Halifax, June 1st, 1886.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

BELYEA'S COVE.—About the middle of April we commenced special meetings here which continued two weeks; as a result the church was greatly revived and encouraged, and eight young people professed conversion and were burried with Christ in baptism. Seven of the number united with the church. To God be all the praise.

C. B. LEWIS.

(We are sorry the above was mislaid. Hence, its late appearance.)

ALEXANDRIA, P. E. I.—On the 23rd ult., 7 more were baptized into the fellowship of the church, making 30 in all since the work commenced. The Rev. E. Whitman, of Charlottetown, baptized for us. Others are awaiting the ordinance. At Uigg a number will be baptized on the 20th., D. V.

E. A. ALLABY.

HIGGIN'S MOUNTAIN.—On June 1st I visited Higgin's Mountain for the purpose of baptizing some who had been converted through the labors of Bro. H. B. Rushton. I arrived there on Monday evening in the middle of a terrific thunder storm. I found a few persons gathered at one of the dwelling houses to hear me preach the gospel. I endeavoured to do my duty on the occasion. We had a good time, a number took part, and we felt it was good to wait on the Lord. This morning, June 2nd, at 9.30, we met at the water, where a man and his wife put on Christ before the world by being buried with him in baptism. They unite with the West Chester Baptist church. We took the noon train from West Chester station, after spending a pleasant moment or so with Bro. H. Hunter and his wife, for Oxford. When we got to Oxford station we were shocked to learn that Mr. Edward Wood, had been instantly killed by lightning, last evening, in his own field, not far from his house. This sad providence has cast a deep gloom over the entire community. Mr. Wood was a good citizen and neighbour,—a kind husband and indulgent father, and beloved by all who knew him. All mourn his sudden departure especially his wife and family. May our Lord be the widow's God and the father of the fatherless. The funeral service took place at 5 p. m., conducted by the writer. How well for us all to hear the solemn warning, "Be ye also ready, for at such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

T. M. MUNRO.

NORTH SYDNEY.—As a result of special services held at Boularderie, some are coming into the church. Three were baptized there on Wednesday, May 26th. There had not been a baptism there before for thirty years. On Sabbath morning I baptized a couple at North Sydney. They had both been christened at the same time, about fifty-seven years ago. We have just had a visit from brother and sister Churchill. He lectured here on Friday and gave an address on Sabbath morning. We were glad to see them and hear from them.

June 1st. J. W. BANCROFT.

LEINSTER STREET.—Four more were received by letter at last conference.

GERMAIN STREET.—One was baptized at the morning service on Sunday. At the evening service the pastor gave the right hand of fellowship to six. All the meetings of the Church are reported full of interest.

ST. MARTINS.—The St. Martin's field has been whitening for the harvest for some time past, so much so that we felt the need of additional reapers, and therefore sent for the evangelists, Brother Chubbuck and wife. They came to us in the spirit of the Master, and thrust in the Gospel sickle on Sabbath, May 30. Meetings have been in progress every day since, and many sheaves have been gathered in. Yesterday was a day of great power. Services every evening this week. We are expecting a large baptism next Sabbath at 9 A. M. The Lord of Hosts is with us. The singing of the evangelists is highly attractive. The praying takes hold of the promises of God, and the preaching is full of point and power. I wish every minister and every church in these Provinces could be favored with these truly Gospel administrations. By special invitation, they go to Halifax next week. Those wishing their services had better apply at once. Brethren, pray for them, and pray for St. Martins.

June 7th, 1886. I. E. BILL.

MAUGERVILLE, SUNBURY CO.—The Lord is still blessing us. We received five candidates into church fellowship through the divine ordinance of baptism yesterday.

June 7. JOSIAH WEBB.

PORTLAND.—Five persons were received into the fellowship of our church last evening by the pastor. One by baptism and four by letter.

June 7.

WOLFVILLE.—Six were baptized yesterday and received into the church—five belonging to our family, that of Bro. Simon Vaughan, literally a whole household. At the missionary meeting in the evening Rev. W. B. Boggs delivered a very interesting and encouraging address.

A. E. C.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—The Lord continues to bless us in our labor for his cause. Six persons were baptized last Sunday, thus making an addition of 16 to our numbers since Bro. Vincent's arrival. One young lady came sixty miles to be baptized, others are seeking the way. To God be all the praise. Brethren pray for us.

C.

DARTMOUTH.—Since my last note I have baptized three. One the first Sabbath in May, and two on 6th inst. The interest in our meetings is very good, and the prospects are that others will before long unite with us. The church advances slowly, but I trust surely. We have much reason for thankfulness to our heavenly Father for the blessings of the past, and no reason for discouragement as we look into the future.

E. J. G.

PERSONAL.

The many friends of Bro. J. A. McLean, of Hansport, will be thankful to hear that he is recovering from his late severe illness.

Bro. G. E. Good has resigned the charge of the Hampton and Norton field. Solid work has been done, and a goodly measure of success has been achieved.

NOTICES.

The next annual meeting of the P. E. Island Baptist Sabbath School Convention, will be held at West River on Friday, the 2nd day of July next, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. Each school connected with the Convention is expected to report and send delegates. Any school not having received blank forms for letters, will receive them promptly on making application to the undersigned.

J. B. LEARD,
Clerk of Con.

Delegates to the N. S. Central Association are hereby requested to forward their names to the undersigned before the 20th of June, and state whether they will come by train or private conveyance.

Hansport, N. S. W. A. PORTER.

Delegates attending the Nova Scotia Baptist Central Association a. Hantsport on June 26th, will get a return ticket upon the W. A. Railway by presenting a certificate from Clerk of Association to Station Agent and paying one third first-class fare.

W. A. PORTER.

The Western N. B. Bap. Association will meet June 22 with the Bap. church at Newcastle, Grand Lake. Arrangements have been made with the Railways and Steamers, by which persons attending can go at one fare, return free, by showing a certificate from the Clerk of the Association.

Further information can be had, if required, of M. S. Hall, Fredericton, one of the committee. It is requested that those going from the up river parishes, would send word of the number that are expected to go.

—There will be a meeting of the Woman's Miss. Aid Societies of P. E. I. at West River, on Monday, July 5th, at 3 P. M. Some of our returned missionaries, it is expected, will be present.

L. A. KING, Prov. Sec'y.

—U. B. E. SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Union Baptist Educatich Society will be held in the School Room in the Mechanics' Institute, in the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, on Thursday, the 17th day of June, instant, at eleven o'clock A. M. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance will be brought before the meeting.

Saint John, June the 7th, A. D. 1886.

AMOS A. WILSON, Sec'y.

The public examination of classes at the Union Baptist Seminary will take place on the 15th, and the graduating exercises in the Institute, on the evening of the 16th inst.

NOTICE.—Mr. Phineas Whitman of New Albany, has been appointed collecting agent for the Baptist Book and Tract Society. He will begin work in Annapolis county and will solicit new subscriptions, and collect amounts already subscribed to the capital fund of Book-Room. Brethren be ready for Bro. W. when he shall call, and co-operate with him in this work. We bespeak for him the sympathy and hospitality of the Baptists of the provinces.

GEO. MCDONALD, Secy.

Denominational Meetings.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Southern N. B., Pennfield, Tuesday, June 8, 2 p. m. Preacher, Rev. S. Welton; alternate, Rev. J. A. Cahill.

Western N. S., Nictaux, Saturday, June 19. Preacher, Rev. J. A. Gordon; alternate, Rev. C. C. Burgess; circular letter, Rev. J. B. Woodland.

Western N. B., Newcastle, Grand Lake, Tuesday, June 22. Preacher, Rev. B. N. Nobles. Alternate, Rev. C. Henderson. Letter, Rev. W. Parker.

Central N. S., Hantsport, Saturday, June 26, at 10, a. m. Preacher, Rev. A. W. Barss. Alternate, Rev. W. H. Robinson. Letter, Dr. D. F. Higgins.

Prince Edward Island, West River, July 3. Preacher, Rev. E. Whitman. Alternate, Rev. E. N. Archibald. Letter, Dea. Arthur Simpson.

Eastern N. B., Hillsboro, July 17, 2 p. m. Preacher, Rev. W. J. Swanfield. Alternate, Rev. I. J. Skinner. Letter, Rev. Geo. Seeley.

Eastern N. S., Parrsboro, September 10, 10 a. m. Preacher, Rev. F. M. Young. Alternate, Rev. J. Miles. Letter, Rev. E. P. Calwell.

CONVENTION.

Brussels St., St. John, Saturday, August 21, at 10 a. m. Preacher, Dr. T. A. Higgins. Alternate, Rev. S. B. Kempton.

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June 7. G. E. DAY.

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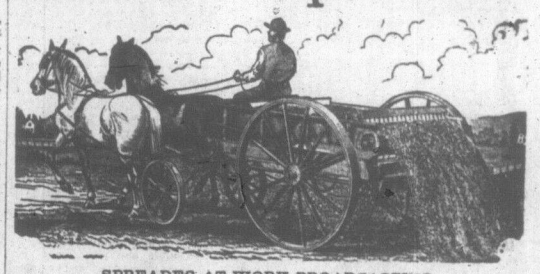

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