

hip-joint. The joint had become *anchylosed*, or immovably adherent through inflammatory action. We are happy to announce that, by the Divine blessing and skilful surgical treatment, brother Henderson is able to be about again; and after a few weeks longer of careful adherence to the surgeon's orders, is likely to have perfect and permanent use of his limb. He was able to be present, on Friday evening last, at the Festival of the Jarvis St. Sunday School, where he has been for many years a faithful and beloved teacher.

THE YEAR BOOK.—This annual, replete with information which no loyal Baptist can afford to be without, is ready, and will be sent *post paid* to any address for 17 cents per copy.

Orders must be sent to Dr. Buchan, 47 Gould St., Toronto.

The following order just received from our sturdy missionary in Manitoba is worthy of publication and imitation.

"Winnipeg, Jan. 4th, '78. Please send to my address two dollars worth of the BAPTIST YEAR BOOK, as I want to have my people here possessed of the valuable and *educating* information contained in it, even if I should have to pay for it out of my own pocket. I hope the Baptists of Ont. and Que. will do themselves the favour of buying you out immediately, and not, as too frequently, leave the publisher's table graining with uncoloured numbers." * * * With the compliments of the season and all other good wishes, I am, as heretofore. Yours in Christ, A. McDONALD.

As the last YEAR BOOK was sold out, and as this year's, contains even more matter for the same money, we trust our good brother's wishes may be speedily realized, and the entire edition bought out.

THE SECRETARY'S APPOINTMENTS.—In another column we give a long list of engagements by Dr. Davidson, in the interests of our Home Missionary Convention. In a note to the Editor, Dr. D. writes: "I am going to run for 60 days, storms or drifts to the contrary notwithstanding, and brave cold and all the other discomforts so as to make one desperate, energetic and prolonged effort to lift the beloved Convention out of debt." We await with prayerful solicitude the result of this protracted and self-sacrificing tour. May health, and vigour, and abundant grace be given our brother; and may he find the hearts of the people open, and their pockets abundantly responsive to his appeals. We have not yet lost faith in the loyalty of the churches to our denominational interests.

JARVIS ST. BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—In another column will be found the gratifying report of the above school, presented at the Annual Teacher's Meeting, on Tuesday p.m. the 8th inst. We shall be happy to give from time to time, any Sunday School News sent us from other churches, and to make the HELPER, in every way possible, subservient to the interests of our teachers and schools.

It may be interesting to many of our readers to know how the Jarvis St. School disposes of its missionary contributions. The following, taken from the Treasurer's accounts, will give the desired information, as regards the amounts distributed the year just ended:—To the Foreign Missionary Society, \$150; Home Missionary Convention \$30; Manitoba Mission Sunday Schools \$20; Brock St. Mission School \$30; Lewis St. Mission and School \$20; Grande Ligne Mission \$15; Dorcas Society of the Church \$35; Welland Canal Mission \$15; Sabbath School Association \$10; Newsboys' Lodging Sunday School \$5; and some other contributions.

The Officers of the School are: *Superintendent*, Dr. Buchan; *Secretary*, J. R. Hewitt; *Assistant-Secretary*, James Vorton; *Treasurer*, F. Lebb; *Librarian*, J. E. Skirrow; *Assistant-Librarians*, W. M. Mills and Alex. Patterson.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BAPTISTS.—We have been favoured with a call from Mr. Thomas Gowen, a member of the Baptist church in the city of Victoria, B. C., who is visiting this province for the purpose of gathering funds to pay for the newly erected chapel there. Bro. Gowen states that his church is the only one of the denomination in the whole province. It was organized and recognized some eighteen months ago, by a council consisting of representatives from regular Baptist churches in the Puget sound (Washington Territory) Association and from San Francisco. The church at present numbers 32 members, half of whom are coloured brethren. None of the members are wealthy, but all are struggling loyally to support and advance the Baptist cause in Victoria. Their first pastor was Rev. W. Carnes who has recently removed to the States. His successor is Rev. J. H. Teale, whose ministry is not only edifying to the church

but popular with the people: the congregations are consequently increasing in a very encouraging manner. The chapel, which was dedicated just a year ago, is a neat frame structure of the Gothic style, capable of seating comfortably 300 persons. The cost of the building is about \$7,000, of which only about \$2,000 have been paid. We trust that our brother, who bears very satisfactory testimonials, will be successful in his mission, and that the Baptists may obtain a firm and strong footing in this far off province which seems destined at no very distant day to play an important part in the world's commerce.

BOARD MEETINGS.—We would remind all members of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, of the quarterly meetings to take place with the Park Street Church, Hamilton, on Wednesday and Thursday the 16th and 17th instant—the Home Board meetings as usual, on the Wednesday and the Foreign on Thursday. We believe the new arrangements will be generally satisfactory, especially to those brethren who happen to be members of both Boards.

AS OTHERS SEE US.—The following remarkable item is going the rounds of the secular press:—

The heathen are organizing foreign missions for the conversion of Christians. The Hindus of the sacred city of Benares have founded a society for the propagation of Brahminism among the Christians of Australia. An eminent Brahmin of the name of Suradschi, a man of great authority, has recently been visiting some of the English colonies, and while travelling in Australia, was appalled and grieved at the fearful prevalence of drunkenness among the Christians. On returning to India he called together a number of thoughtful Brahmins, to whom he communicated his glowing zeal to do something for the salvation of their degraded fellow men and fellow subjects in Australia. The only perfect remedy, he considered, would be the conversion of these Christians to a better and purer faith. A large sum was collected for the pious and benevolent enterprise, and some of the Brahmins declared their willingness to devote themselves to the work, and so spend and be spent in this humane and holy cause. Suradschi is now engaged in translating fitting passages from the Vedas into the English tongue, for the use of the missionaries.

If the above statements are correct, we may expect shortly to chronicle the arrival of a deputation of Hindus on a mission of benevolence to the benighted Christians of Canada, whom the most stringent liquor law cannot convert to sobriety.