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peace that they can pray for one another, surely the millennium must be at hand.

PASSING EVENTS.

The St. John Exhibition was formally opened on Wednesday last, at 10 o'clock. Lieut.-Gov. Tilley delivered an interesting and instructive address.

We had the opportunity a few days ago of calling upon our esteemed brother, Rev. I. J. Skinner, who is at present residing with his nephew, Mr. John Skinner, in Weston, Cornwallis.

This compiler of the "Sketch Historical and Personal," read at the fortieth anniversary of the Eastern Association, N. S., desires us to say that he regrets having on that occasion accidentally omitted a part of his paper containing the names of ministers who had labored in the bounds of the Association.

No one who has for himself tasted the flavor of a well-grown and fully matured Gravenstein needs to be informed that it stands easily first among all autumn apples produced in this country.

Some of our ministers, by reason of illness or the infirmities of age, are no longer able to preach the Gospel as of old. They gave themselves unreservedly to this work in the days of their youth.

ficting and untrustworthy; but it is probable that the crop on the other side of the Atlantic is little, if any, below the average.

The LANGRIN INVESTIGATION before the Committee on Privileges and Elections is closed, and the sub-committee has reported.

The majority report on the other hand, finds that the conduct which the late Minister of Public Works had in the integrity and efficiency of his officers, has accomplished results which are to be greatly regretted as regards the administration of the department.

EX-PRESIDENT BALMAQUERA IS DEAD. His end was a tragic one. He committed suicide in Santiago, his native city, at the age of 51.

THE REPORTED SEIZURE OF SIGRI on the island of Mitylene by Great Britain is said to be nothing but a scare.

Christian Beneficence.

In the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of June 24, I replied to a second letter from Bro. R. H. Bishop, on the subject of tithing.

Replying to the first enquiry, I shall begin by calling attention to the Epistle to the Hebrews as a whole. To whom was the epistle addressed and for what evident purpose?

as he would also have been in offering them together with sacrifices. Now, I ask what has Melchisedec's sanction of tithing in this instance to do with our duty of practice any more than has his offering of sacrifices, which he must have done many times as high priest of God?

But, if we desire to know God and to understand His will and purposes, let us not pin our faith to any single portion of His Word, but study carefully this most beautiful disquisition respecting Christ, His offices and finished work, in all its entirety.

In conclusion, I have looked into our brother's magic nut-shell, and still see the subject the same. I entered this discussion challenging tithing as a scriptural duty; I leave the field with the same warning note.

- (1) Levi was exempt from tithes. Why did Abraham, in whose loins Levi was as yet, pay tithes to Melchisedec? (2) Why were the Levites exempt from the law of tithing? (3) If, as it is claimed, the law of tithes holds at present, should not our ministry be exempt from it? (4) Are we to tithe the income or the increase? JOHN B. MORGAN, Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 14.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "Be not weary in well-doing."

Letter from Miss Gray.

BIMBARAM, India, Aug. 1891. My dear Mrs. Martell: I must write you a short letter to go by this mail; should have done so before.

It is about five weeks since my return from the hill Deodangar, where a most enjoyable holiday was spent, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Courchill, and friends from the Ontario Mission.

The school is not large, the daily attendance being about twenty-three; but it is a busy place, and those unacquainted with the Oriental custom of studying aloud, would call it a noisy and disorderly place as well.

the town do not attend so regularly, and their progress is not so pleasing; yet they did very well. The monthly examinations, I find, are very helpful to both teacher and pupils, and add interest to the school.

In our mission schools the Bible has a prominent place. During the week's lessons are taught, and at morning worship all are expected to repeat a passage of Scripture. Those who cannot read learn their verses from the older officers, and thus come prepared; otherwise they would feel much ashamed.

Present here are signs of a work of grace going on in the hearts of some of the children. Johnnie, a boy of twelve years, seems anxious about his soul's salvation. Yesterday, in prayer-meeting, he prayed very earnestly for the new heart. He said he was not a Christian, and if he would die unconvinced to God he would not go to with Jesus.

Johnnie and his brother David have been in the boarding department for two years. Their father, Mark Leslie, was a preacher at this station when I came to India; but shortly after he went to Calcutta, where he died three years ago, leaving a widow and four children.

In the girls' department we have five, all about the same age, the eldest not more than eight, the youngest about six. Nurama, a little orphan, was picked up on the street two years ago by Miss De Prazer and brought to the mission house.

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I will close, wishing you a very happy and prosperous year in the Master's service. Very soon you will meet in convention. May you be a tin of rich blessing. A. C. GRAY.

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