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ENGLISH BAPTISTS.

At the May meetings of English Baptists a stirring address was delivered by the president, Colonel Griffin. His address was entitled "A Voice from the Pew," and was not wholly devoted to praise of the body. Some of his criticisms and suggestions would be specially interesting to Baptists this side of the Atlantic.

He thought the history of Baptists "would show that the growth and prosperity of the churches, other things being equal, have been in proportion to their fidelity in maintaining and exhibiting the apostolic method of baptism. That they have declined in numbers and strength is true; that they have here and there died out of existence is also true. But it will be found that this has never been the result of persecution alone, or owing to the overshadowing influence of a church with state patronage, or a political establishment. Decay or death has been self-caused, laxity of conviction or carelessness of discipline, falsely called catholicity of spirit, has removed the barrier designed by the Good Shepherd to protect His flock. The wolves have crept in; the sheep have wandered out. We must not blame others for ignorance of a fact too often ignored by ourselves."

Is this not true to a great extent of churches everywhere? If they have loyalty to Christ, union in heart with Him, they cannot be crushed by unfavorable surroundings. To be spiritually minded is life to them.

Referring to the numerical decrease of strength of the churches he found the chief sources of weakness to be in their *discipline* and their *ministry*. As to discipline he considered the lowering of the terms of fellowship a weakness. The old phrase, "The baptized church of Jesus Christ" has given way to the more curt, less descriptive, "The church of Christ." Many of the churches cannot truly describe themselves as baptized churches. They number in their membership some who have not yet been baptized. "Let us be Baptists boldly—union churches whose trust deeds exclude the baptistery and open churches, that say, in effect, 'Behold what a weariness it is,' can have no place among us." "Let us not be carried away by the specious cry, 'Christian first and Baptist afterwards.' Pray, where does the 'first' end and the 'afterwards' begin? To be a Baptist is to be a Christian. To us the two are synonymous and coextensive. What is a Christian? You will say, 'One who follows Christ.' I ask you, 'What is a Baptist?' Is not he also one who follows Christ? Only he begins at the very beginning. A true and thorough Baptist must make the more perfect Christian. The practical results that follow in America and elsewhere show that close membership is the best fighting policy. The test of actual experience leaves us in no doubt on this point. In America I find that the Baptists have more than doubled their membership within the last twenty years. The complete returns for 1890 give the membership as 3,164,227. Their ministers have increased from 12,000 to 22,703, and their churches from 18,337 to 34,780.

"In Great Britain your growth has been:

Membership	1869,	237,435
"	1890,	330,164
Ministers	1869,	1,799
"	1890,	1,874
Churches	1869,	2,561
"	1890,	2,802

This comparison is evidently greatly to the disadvantage of the English Baptists. And the inference for Baptists this side the Atlantic is that they should continue in a firm adherence to their principles.

Of the other source of weakness, the ministry, Col. Griffin also spoke plainly. After praising the ability and devotion of the pastors, he added: "Yet there is hardly one of them who would not have done his work with far more profit to himself and to his church could he have had the advantage of a university training." "We want more power in the pulpit; the power that comes from special training." He suggested the founding of a university worthy of the name and of its founders, where not only the 200 present students, but many times that number, could be educated and fitted for life's work. Why not a university under Baptist auspices? and why not a Baptist theological seminary, where those looking to the ministry could be prepared and made "apt to teach"? At present the 200 students are scattered "all over the kingdom, in groups varying from seven to seventy, the average cost of each being not far from £35 a year." Now Baptists must send their sons to Oxford or Cambridge, where the social life and church prestige take the youthful, ardent souls at disadvantage in their impressionable years, and they are lost to Baptists.

Whether the English Baptists will be wise enough to act upon these plain suggestions of their president may be doubtful. But Canadian and American Baptists will see in the state of their English brethren, thus revealed, a strong incentive to persist in their present course of collegiate and theological training. And every voice like this from abroad should stimulate us to make our institutions as efficient as possible, assured that thereby we are doing most to advance the cause of Christ.

Questions.

A correspondent asks: "Is it right for a Baptist church to license one of its members to preach who holds and preaches Advent doctrines, the church having no other objection to the person?"

The information here given is too vague to enable us to give an intelligent answer to the question. We would suggest, however, as the best way of dealing with any case of this kind, in which the church has doubts as to the soundness of the views held by the applicant for license, that the matter should be referred to the pastor, or to some other person or persons, in whose ability and orthodoxy the church could confide, and who, after having conversed with the applicant, could advise the church as to its course of procedure.

Closing Exercises of the Union Baptist Seminary.

The principal and faculty of the Seminary at St. Martins, together with all the friends of the institution, must feel greatly gratified at the success of the past year. There have been about 100 students, a very small proportion of these being day scholars; first class work has been done, the evidence of this appearing unmistakeable at every stage of last week's proceedings; and the graduating class was the largest in the history of the institution, numbering seventeen—nine young ladies and eight young gentlemen. The terminal examinations took place June 3 to 5. On Sunday, the 7th, Rev. D. Henry Miller, of Connecticut, Chaplain G. A. R., preached before the graduating class. His text was Ecc. 9: 16, "Wisdom is better than strength." The sermon was a worthy tribute to Christian education, illustrating its importance to those who would *defend, invade* or *occupy*. In the evening, Rev. W. J. Stewart preached before the Missionary Society from 1 Tim. 1: 15. The sermon was an appropriate and powerful one, and bristled with telling points. Both of these able discourses received the eager attention of very large congregations. The weather upon this and the two subsequent days could not have been finer. Monday morning was occupied by the public examinations. Classes were examined in Latin, physical geography, English literature, Bible study and mathematics. These classes made a splendid showing, and the visitors who were present in gratifying numbers, seemed much pleased. In the afternoon, the spot of special interest was the base ball ground, where the seminary boys were victorious. This fact is not without significance in view of President Andrews' late remarks and the article in the *Forum* by Mr. Hyde. Lawn tennis is evidently another favorite game with our seminary young people, and they have very good tennis courts on the grounds that have been lately so much improved.

Monday evening, the Seminary Hall was crowded on the occasion of the rhetorical contest for the medal offered by H. A. McKeown, M. P. P. The judges were Rev. D. Henry Miller, Rev. W. J. Stewart and Mr. McKeown. There were eleven contestants, and the exercises were intensely interesting. The judges awarded the medal to Miss Emma Hopper, and in doing so congratulated all the contestants upon the proficiency exhibited, and the school upon the exceedingly excellent work done in the department of elocution during the year. Mr. McKeown presented the medal in a neat speech.

At eleven o'clock Thursday, the hour set for the commencement exercises, the large hall was crowded with people, quite a number being present from St. John. The platform was handsomely decorated with natural flowers, and on the wall at the rear of it was the class motto in green: "Vincit qui se vincit." Principal Hopper presided, and the following gentlemen occupied seats on the platform: Rev. Messrs. Miller, D. D., McLeod, D. D., Stewart, Williams, Nobles, Colter and Hughes, and Wm. Peters, Thos. L. Hay, H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., and Gilbert Titus. The programme was as follows:

Music—Tannhauser (2 pfte.).....Wagner
Misses Gross and Steeves.
Prayer—Rev. Mr. Nobles.
Missions of the Press.....
Harry A. Bridges
*Frances Ridley Havergal.....
M. Jessie Wallace.
Beethoven.....
Mabel B. Gross.
*The Jews.....
Lizzie B. Bridges.
Christianity the true Religion.....
David Long.
*Malice Beats down Truth.....
Jennie McLeod.
The Newfoundland Fisheries' Problem...
Heustis Crowell.
*The Supernatural Basis of Christianity.
I. B. Colwell.
Music (piano solo—Menuet)....Delahaye
Annie Stevens.
Woman's Progress.....
Mabel DeWitt
*The Huguenots.....
Lydia DeWitt.
The Victorian Age.....
Harry M. Hopper.
*Canada's Relation to England.....
Mamie Keith.
The Power of Genius.....
Lizzie B. Hughes.
*War.....
Milton Addison.
*The Scholar in Canadian Politics.....
T. W. Todd.
Valedictory.....
James H. King.
Music (piano solo—Polacca Brilliante....
.....Weber-Liszt.
Mabel G. Gross.
Conferring Diplomas, Prizes, etc., Report
Addresses, etc.
God Save the Queen

*Not delivered.

Mr. Bridges had a good essay and delivered it well. He gave graphic descriptions of the modern miracle of newspaper and magazine making. Miss Gross paid a just and faithful tribute to the genius and character of the great Beethoven, while also illustrating in an interesting way some of his eccentricities. Mr. Long pictured some of the triumphs of our religion, making plain the superiority of Christianity, both by the nature of its principles and by their results. Mr. Crowell's paper was a clear statement of the causes of the present complications in Newfoundland and a defence of the present British policy. In introducing this speaker, Dr. Hopper called attention to the fact that many of the essays dealt with questions that were attracting attention at the present time, and stated that next year there will be a class in "current history." Miss DeWitt's paper was very interesting. She had a subject which awakened all her enthusiasm, and her paper was characterized both by vivacity and finish. The paper upon "The Victorian Age" was a most creditable effort. It contained many striking comparisons, and there were some passages of true eloquence. The delivery was very effective. Miss Hughes' essay was a tribute to genius as a divine gift, which can neither be achieved nor imitated, but carries with it its own responsibility and power. Her impressive manner (impressive because of its naturalness) told with her audience. She alone, of the young ladies, spoke without her manuscript. The valedictory had the ring of manliness and sincerity, and so befitted the occasion. It was heartily applauded.

The young ladies who acceptably furnished the music were graduates in that department. Diplomas were presented as follows:

SEMINARY COURSE.

Mamie Keith, Havelock, N. B.
Lydie DeWitt, St. John, N. B.
Mabel DeWitt, " "
Harry Bridges, Sheffield, N. B.
Harry Hopper, St. John, N. B.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Lizzie Hughes, Havelock, N. B.
Jessie Wallace, Truro, N. S.
Jennie McLeod, Fredericton, N. B.
Mabel Gross, Hillsboro, N. B.
Lizzie Bridges, Sheffield, N. B.
Huestis Crowell, Port La Tour, N. S.
David Long, Apohaqui, N. B.
Ingram Colwell, Jemseg, N. B.
Milton Addison, St. John, N. B.

MATRICULATION COURSE.

Thomas Todd, Oak Bay, N. B.
James King, Chipman, N. B.

MUSIC COURSE.

Annie Steeves, Hillsboro, N. B.
Mabel Gross, " "

Dr. Hopper then addressed them as follows:

To the graduating class '91: Young ladies and gentlemen—I congratulate you upon the attainment of the object you have had in view for the last few years. Now that you have honorably completed your selected course of study in this institution, you naturally look back over the way you have come, and facing about, ask what next? The past we cannot change. What is written is written, said Pilate. It has gone into history.

Our association as teachers and students, however, has been remarkably pleasant, and the years shall be green and fragrant with happy memories. Walking forth from these halls to-day you are confronted by problems more difficult of solution than any you have met. You are at the cross roads now, and must choose your way and form of service. In choice and work lie the conditions that form character, and make the mould that shapes the life for both worlds. We trust that in deciding your life work you will be guided not by blind impulse, but that you will let the force of every worthy power of your being help in the decision, so that when it is made it will have the approval of both reason and conscience. The model man, the Son of God, so decided in reference to His life that he never wavered, but moved right on with fixed purpose to the end. The battle is half gained when a judicious plan has been formed, and the forces feel sure of their ground.

You have learned there is no royal road to knowledge, nor is any worthy result gained save by service. Work is a blessing and its accomplishments run into the millennial glory of the world, nor end in the triumphs of the world to come. "Right and forward." Decide worthily and work, as only can you ever hope to harmonize with the natural and spiritual forces which environ you. "I work," said the Nazarene whose teaching to-day dominates the civilized world. There are no limits to what you can do by God's help. You can illustrate your class motto, "*vincit qui se vincit.*" You can bind together in good neighborhood the ends of the earth, and you set in motion spiritual forces that will reach up to the throne of God.

Your instructors will be glad to know that you all select worthy ends in life and give to your several professions and business that consecrated service which is ennobling and victorious. As each succeeding commencement day returns we shall be glad to welcome you back again to renew old associations.

Young ladies and gentlemen, you go forth to-day to the battle of life with the benediction of your Alma Mater, and our hope and prayer that the good hand that has safely guided us in the past may still lead on till the dream of savage and sage about happy hunting grounds and Elysian fields gains full realization in the Christian's everlasting home.

The prizes were then awarded as follows:

The medal given by Dr. Geo. A. Hetherington for the best final examination in all the studies of the course, to Miss Mabel DeWitt, of St. John.

Greek prize—junior year—to W. R. Reud.

Mathematical prize—senior year—donated by Mr. Wilbur of Moncton, to H. A. McGray, of P. E. I.

English Literature—prize given by A. C. Smith, M. P. P., to Miss Lizzie Hughes.

Science prize—junior year—donated by J. J. Bostwick, to F. A. Currie.

Bible study prize, given by J. J. Wallace, of Truro, to I. B. Colwell, who also received honorable mention for extra work done in Christian evidences.

Dr. Hopper then referred in fitting terms to the retirement of Miss Powell and Prof. March from the teaching staff. Miss Fuller, of Boston, will take Miss Powell's place, and it is probable that an accomplished New York lady will succeed Prof. March. Short addresses were then made by Mr. McKeown, Dr. McLeod and Dr. Miller. Dr. Miller, who had already given Dr. Hopper a cheque for $200, stated that he was ready to do considerably more. His visit has been a source of encouragement and strength to the school. It was also made known to the principal during these exercises that Mrs. W. H. Rourke of St. Martins, had added another hundred dollars to former subscriptions.

The alumni dinner took place at 1.30, when about two hundred people seated themselves in the spacious dining hall to enjoy the good things spread before them. A number of the young ladies of the seminary acted as waiters, thus adding to the attractiveness of the occasion. At 3.30 the Alumni Society was organized with the following officers: President, David Long; vice-president, Miss Hughes; secretary-treasurer, H. M. Hopper; executive committee, Rev. C. W. Williams, I. B. Colwell, Huestis Crowell, Rev. W. J. Stewart, Miss Georgie Vaughan, Miss Peters and Miss Wallace. It was decided to make an effort to provide a good library for the school.

During the day the art studio was visited by a great number, and was much admired. It would be difficult to praise it too highly. The work represented cannot certainly be surpassed in any school in these provinces. There was a very beautiful collection of decorated china, the work of Miss Hopper, who has charge of the art department. Among the oil paintings, showing much excellence, were those of Mrs. Trefry, Miss Powell, Miss Lottie Wallace, Miss Lily Rourke, Miss Georgie Vaughan, Miss Annie Steeves and Miss Kate Hopper.

The exercises closed with a very pleasing concert on Tuesday evening. The following was the programme:

Duet, Zamba.....Herold
Misses Gross and Wallace.
Reading, The Tell-tale.....
Miss Mamie King.
Solo, Trumpeter's Serenade.....Spindler
Miss Emma Hopper.
Vocal solo, Gaily Chant the Summer Birds.....De Pinna
Miss Lily Rourke.
Reading, Grandpa Keeley Goes to Sunday-school.....
Miss Lizzie Hughes.
Rondo Brilliante (two pianos), E flat major
Misses Gross and Wallace.
Vocal solo, La Zingara.....Bucalossi
Miss Kate Hopper.
Violin solo—Selected.....
Miss Lila Williams.
Reading—Scotland's Maiden Martyr.....
Miss Emma Hopper.
Solo—Spinning Song.....H Sitoeff
Miss Blanche Burnham.
Scene—Fast Friends.....Re Henry
Laura Latimer, Mabel Hamilton,
Kate Hopper, Mabel Gross.
Vocal solo—Anchored.....Watson
Prof. R. A. March.
Solo—Husarenriff.....Spindler
Miss Jessie Wallace.
God Save the Queen.

The fall term of the institution begins Sept. 10th. A good proportion of those in attendance during the past year will return, and seven new students have already engaged their rooms. If there are any further changes in the teaching staff they will be announced in due season. Miss Leighford, who has filled the position of preceptress with such marked ability, will return, a fact that will tend to ensure the success of the school.

Ordination of Deacons.—Brethren William Calhoun and Millidge West, having been previously set apart to the office of deacons, were ordained at Albert on the 29th of May. Rev. W. Camp of Hillsboro, preached the sermon, his subject being: "Nobility of service." Rev. E. C. Baker, of Harvey, offered the ordaining prayer during the laying on of hands; Rev. M. Gross, of Lower Hillsboro, gave the charge to the deacons; and Rev. Cornwall, of Surrey, gave the charge to the church. The service was very edifying, and we believe a spiritual one, and all felt that we were waiting on the Master.

The Alumni Society of Acadia College.

The Associated Alumni of Acadia College met in annual session as usual during anniversary week. A member of the society has kindly furnished us with the following brief notes respecting its proceedings:

1. About 50 new members joined the Alumni Association, most of whom were the members of the graduating class.

2. The treasurer's report showed that something over $1,000 has been paid in toward the alumni chair, and the whole $1,200 is likely to be raised by subscriptions yet to come in to treasurer. Authority was voted to expend a sum not to exceed $400 in apparatus for the new department, and a committee was appointed to supervise expenditure.

3. The association performed the sad duty of placing on record the death of three of its members: Rev. David Freeman, W. O. Redden and Walter Barss. Resolutions expressing the worth of the departed and the great loss sustained in their removal, were passed.

4. The association placed on record its appreciation of the very handsome donations to the college of Mark Curry, Esq., and J. W. Barss, Esq.

5. A resolution was adopted recognizing the importance of providing in the near future for technical education. Dr. Hall spoke of the need of fortifying the academy.

6. Rev. S. B. Kempton and C. M. Woodworth, A. B., were nominated as governors. Prin. I. B. Oakes, Hon. Judge Johnston and Miss Alice Fitch were nominated as senators for nine years; U. T. Ross, A. B., for six years; and C. H. McIntyre, A. B., for three years.

7. The officers for the coming year are Dr. R. V. Jones, president; Rev. S. McCully Black, vice do.; S. W. Cummings, A. B., sec'y-treasurer.

8. At 2.30 o'clock about 140 persons gathered around the alumni dinner table, in Chipman Hall, Prin. Oakes and Dr. Hall presiding. After justice had been done to the bill of fare the usual toasting and speech-making were pleasantly indulged in till after 4 o'clock.

The Appeal.

We cheerfully comply with the request of one of our brethren in Japan to give place in the columns of the Messenger and Visitor to the following "appeal." It will be observed that it does not ask for money, or even for missionaries, but for the prayers of Christians for the work in Japan—that the gospel of Christ may triumph over all opposition. It doubtless appears to be a plain duty for us to give our money and our chief energies to carry forward the work which we have undertaken in India, but this should not prevent us feeling a keen interest in the progress of the work in other lands, and it is natural that our sympathies should be strongly drawn out toward the work in Japan, where several who have gone from our own churches are laboring. Let us therefore pray for the work and the workers in Japan.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in both North and South:

Your missionaries here in Japan, in reviewing, so far as are apparent, the results of the work in this country for the past year, feel that their meagreness demands, on the one hand, humiliation and prayer, and, on the other, greater consecration and effort. By the grace of God, we intend that this year upon which we have entered shall have a different and a better showing. To this end we want your aid. We know something of the value of the prayers of the saints, and desire to avail ourselves to the utmost of that power with God. Will you not help? If, in answer to a cry of the elect which shall cease not day nor night, God shall graciously grant to His servants here—not to missionaries only, but to native pastors, to evangelists, to teachers, to laymen, to all—if He shall grant to all of these to be filled with the Holy Spirit, we are sure that over all anti-foreign influence, over all political excitement, over all false teaching and religious reaction, over whatever apathy there may be in the churches, and over every other thing that may be supposed to have contributed its adverse influence to the past, the Cross of our Lord and Saviour will advance in unimpeded triumph. We do therefore humbly but most earnestly entreat you to observe the last Sunday in June of this year, as a day for special prayer on our behalf; and we further urge all pastors, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, and heads of families to bring this matter to the notice of their respective churches, schools or classes, and households, in whatever way may, in their judgment, be best calculated to secure the desired end. We, on our part, promise to do what we can, not only to observe the day ourselves, but also to secure an observance of it by our native churches from one end of Japan to the other. "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not for Thine own sake, O my God; for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name."

Convention Funds Received.

Fredericton,	$173 91
First Digby Neck church,	6 00
Second Elgin church,	1 40
New Salem church,	8 00
Kempt, Queens Co.,	12 00
Lower Granville,	10 00
First Hillsboro church,	3 20
First Hammond's Plain church,	1 20
First Hammond's Plains S. S.	2 00
Second Sackville church, N. S.,	5 40
Swasville church,	1 00

G. E. Day.

Upper Sheffield, N. B., June 5.

Messenger and Visitor from now to end of year to new subscribers for 75 cts.

Chicago Letter.

The open winter has been followed by a cold, backward spring, and much of the small fruit in this section of the country has been killed by the late severe frosts. Fires are still necessary in the homes, and Sunday-school picnics have been postponed till July.

OLD TESTAMENT CRITICISM

is the religious hobby that the secular newspapers ride just now. Judged by their leaders, one would suppose that orthodoxy was dead; the supernatural a dream of the past, and the Bible a book of errors from beginning to end. There is a good deal in names, and taking title for a new work of fiction or a patent nostrum goes a good way towards securing a profit on their sales. Our rationalistic teachers have been wise in their generation. Such terms as "Liberal Theology," "Higher Criticism," etc., take with the multitude.

Well this is no new thing; it is only German scepticism Americanized. From the time that Vater espoused the ritualistic views which Spinoza had promulgated, it seems to have been the aim of Hebrew students not to discover the beauties of the Scriptures, so much as to search for difficulties and discrepancies. The effects on the German people have been to imbue them with the spirit of unbelief rather than that of faith. Not long ago it was stated in a Toronto paper that out of one million and a half inhabitants in Berlin, only thirty-five thousand attend religious services. The late Dr. Norman McLeod, in one of his letters from Germany, stated that out of one hundred people, ninety are unbelievers. "A tree is known by its fruit."

THE IMMANUEL CHURCH

has been passing through deep waters since our last letter. For nearly a year they were dependent on supplies for their pulpit, Dr. Lorimer, the pastor, being absent in Europe in quest of health. Then the word came that, fully recovered, he was homeward bound. Full of gladness, they gave him a royal welcome, but their joy was turned to sadness by the announcement that he had decided to resume his former charge at Tremont Temple, Boston. Scarcely had Dr. Lorimer departed when a destructive fire desolated, for the second time, their beautiful house of worship. But the Lord has been with them through it all. They are planning for repairs, and purpose to enlarge the building and make it more commodious than ever. Mr. B. F. Jacobs is superintendent of the Sunday-school, and is a host in himself.

THE BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES

were held in Cincinnati. The attendance was large and the sermons and addresses unusually strong and inspiring. For the first time the young people had a place on the programme. Leading men from different parts of the country spoke strongly in favor of a national union of Baptist Young People. The indications at present are that the Young People's Convention, to be held in Chicago, July 7 and 8, will be largely attended. The Baptist Publication Society is fully committed to this movement, and is doing all that can be done with types to make it a success.

HERE AND THERE.

Dr. Henson of the First church goes shortly to California, for a lecture course and a vacation. His church will be supplied by Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, of San Francisco.—Rev. J. R. Gow has accepted the pastorate of the Hyde Park church of this city.—The Rev. E. D. Burr has resigned the charge of the Memorial church. He is supplying the Immanuel church at present.—Dr. Harper, president of the new university, expects to make this city his home after July 1st.—Father Ignatius, who has created no small excitement among Episcopalians in Boston and other eastern cities, arrived in Chicago yesterday. He expects to remain one week, and preach every afternoon and evening. He looks like a man who had been asleep since the middle ages.—Rev. Daniel Baldwin, formerly of Ontario, and now pastor of the church in Canon City, Colorado, made us a call this week. It brought back the days of long ago when Dr. Fyfe, of blessed memory, was our teacher in the C. L. I. at Woodstock.—Dr. Kennard of this city, who has been laboring as an evangelist, is supplying the First church of Detroit, whose pastor, Dr. L. Grenell, is taking an extended trip through Egypt and the Holy Land.—Dr. Northrup said in his address before the Missionary Union at Cincinnati: "Eighty million women in Moslem harems; one hundred million slaves ignorant of the Word of God in other countries. Only one ordained missionary to every 300,000 pagans. What we need is an increase of our force abroad to 1,500 missionaries, instead of what we have, less than 500. This is more important than all the heresy of Prof. Briggs. The heresy of non-belief is no worse than the heresy of non-action."

Western.

Acknowledgment.—The Lord has put it into the heart of an "unknown friend" to send us a dollar bill towards the Roachvale, Guysboro Co., Baptist meeting-house, for which we tender thanks. Brothers and sisters, readers of the Messenger and Visitor, we need now four hundred such contributions, in order to give our Roachvale brothers and sisters a neat and comfortable place of worship free from debt. Who will respond to our most urgent appeal? Send contributions to Mrs. J. McG. Cunningham, Guysboro.