

St. school. May the Lord our Master richly reward and bless all those who have been instrumental in the above.—THOMAS JASPER, *Superintendent*.

**A THIRD MISSIONARY.**—The Manitoba Mission Committee, through the Secretary, Prof. Torrance of Woodstock, are desirous of opening up correspondence with any ministerial brother, who wishes to settle upon a farm in Manitoba, and to devote part of his time to mission work.

#### MARITIME PROVINCES.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—A letter has just been received from Rev. W. F. Armstrong, Chicopee, Jan. 4th, in which he states that he is slowly recovering his health. It has been decided, very much to the grief of Bro. Armstrong and wife, that he cannot return to Kinney without the utmost risk of losing his life. A very favorable opportunity offers itself of procuring suitable mission premises in Chicopee, already built, at much less cost than the estimate of the buildings proposed to be erected in Kinney.

Bro. Churchill writes from Hingham, Jan. 3, that both missionary families there are well, and that an infant son has been added to Bro. Sanford's family.—*Christian Visitor*.

**THE GERMAN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH** worshipped last Sabbath in the basement of their new building. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, detained at Annapolis by the storm of Saturday, Rev. Geo. Armstrong preached in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Waters, of St. David's, in the evening. The vestry is commendably airy, lightsome and appropriate. The main audience room is fast approaching completion, and will probably be ready for occupation in the spring.—*Christian Visitor*, Feb. 27th.

**AN INTERESTING SUNDAY SCHOOL.**—A correspondent thus writes to the *Christian Messenger* from Arcadia, N.S.:

"Our Sabbath school is in a very prosperous condition. Officers, teachers and pupils are doing all they can to make the sessions instructive and profitable. The oldest members of our church are not few old to attend the Sabbath school and study God's Word. Last Sabbath there were fifteen in one class, the sum of whose ages was 772 years, or an average of 52½ years to each "pupil"; the youngest member of the class was 26 years."

#### SPECIAL NOTICES

CANADA BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION EAST.

The second quarterly or semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board will be held (D.V.) with the church at Smith's Falls, on Tuesday, March 19th 1/78, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

Missionaries and churches aided by the Convention will require to have their quarterly reports in the hands of the undersigned Secretary not later than Wednesday, the 13th March.

Besides the usual business of reading reports from the various missionary districts, and voting the quaranters, there will be also the business to attend to of considering the continuation or otherwise of some of the half yearly appropriations, and other matters connected with the general interests of the home mission field.

No formal application necessary at this time for the continuation of the grants made last September, but new applications for aid will be in order if made on the usual forms, and sent to me prior to the 19th.

I am advised that the opportunity will be taken of the above meeting to inaugurate a ministerial conference so that there will likely be a large attendance and an interesting time.

DUNCAN MCFARLANE, *Secretary*,  
March 2, 1878. 236 McGill street, Montreal.

#### Report of the Woman's Mission Circle in connection with the Yorkville Baptist Church.

Read at the closing Social of the Dorcas Society on Friday evening, March 1st 1878.

This society was organized on the 8th of November 1876, having for its object "the collection of money for the assistance of our own lady missionaries now laboring in Co-nacady, India, the spread of Christian knowledge among the young of that country, and the education of those who may become the wives of native teachers and preachers." The officers of the society consist of President, Secretary, and four Collectors. The meetings have been held monthly, on the first Wednesday evening of each month, with an average attendance of twenty. A list of the church members was obtained from our pastor and as far as possible every woman and girl belonging to the church was asked to contribute two cents a week. This was cheerfully given in almost every instance, and many showed their sympathy with the missionaries, and love for the Master's cause by giving much more than the two cents weekly. During the year several members of the congregation and Sunday school have joined the Circle. The officers for the present year are as follows: *President*, Mrs. King; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Watson; *Secretary*, Miss Erskine Buchan; *Collectors*, Mrs. Wardly, Mrs. Lawrence Buchan, Miss Maria Buchan, and Miss Ada Watson. The amount collected during the year ending December 31st, 1877, was \$73.62. This money, with that collected by other Circles in Ontario was sent to Mrs. McLaurin for the support of her Girls' Boarding School. Missionary news of great importance has been read at the meetings, and letters from missionaries now on the field have given us a clearer knowledge of the ignorance, superstition, filth, and idolatry of the heathen women of India. Mrs. McLaurin gives an interesting account of her school, and tells of the children singing such hymns as "Jesus loves me," and "There is a happy land." Our prayer is that they may soon sing with the heart and with the understanding; and, in that "happy land" join in the chorus of praise to "Him who has redeemed us to God by His blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." One of the scholars has recently found peace in believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, and desires to follow Him in baptism. We believe that much good is being done by the W. B. F. M. Society of Ontario, of which society we have the honor of forming an auxiliary.

"To do, is to succeed;  
Our fight is waged in Heaven's approving light,  
The smile of God is victory."

ERSKINE BUCHAN,  
Sec. W. M. C.

Yorkville, March 1st, 1878.

The Baptism by immersion of persons who have come to years of understanding, occasionally takes place in the Church of England. On Sunday, December 2, at Christ Church, Wellington, Shropshire, the Rev. Mr. Butler, the vicar, at the morning service, baptized by immersion, in a large bath provided for the occasion, the daughter, aged eight years, of the eminent Dr. Cranage, Principal of the celebrated Old Hall School for boys in that town. Dr. Cranage, although a Churchman, entertains the same views in regard to believers' baptism as the Baptists do.—*Christian Herald*.

#### THE BIBLE AND ITS FOES.

If collected from the earliest times to the present day, infidel books would occupy far more than a thousand times the space of the one volume against which they are directed, and would certainly be much more numerous than all the works that all other "sacred" books ever had the honor of provoking either for or against them. If all these books were placed in one library, and this single one set on a table in the middle of it, and a stranger were told that this book—affirmed to be, for the most part, the work of a number of unlearned and obscure men belonging to a despised nation called the Jews—had drawn upon itself, for its exposure, confutation, and destruction, this multitude of volumes, I imagine he would be inclined to say: "Then I presume this little book was annihilated long ago; though how it could be needful to write a thousand part so much for any such purpose, I cannot comprehend. For if the book be what these authors say, surely it should not be difficult to show it to be so; and if so, what wonderful madness to write all these volumes." How surprised would he then be to learn that they were felt not to be enough; that similar works were being multiplied every day, and never more actively than at the present time; and still to no purpose in disabusing mankind of this same phrensy! He would learn, indeed, that so far from accomplishing the object, the new volumes are a little more than necessary to replace those of this fruitful yet fruitless literature, which is continually sinking into oblivion.

But the volume itself survives both friends and foes. Without being able to speak one word on its own behalf, but what it has already said; without any power of explanation or rejoinder, in depreciation of the attacks made upon it, or to assist those who defend it; it passes along the ages in majestic silence. Impassive amidst all this tumult of controversy, in which it takes no part, it might be likened to some great ship floating down a mighty river like the Amazon or Orinoco, the shores of which are inhabited by various savage tribes. From every little creek or inlet, from every petty port or bay, many flotillas of canoes, some seemingly friendly, some seemingly hostile, filled with warriors, in all the terrors of war paint, and their artillery of bows and arrows. They are hostile tribes; and, soon turning their weapons against one another, assail each other with great fury and mutual loss. Meantime, the noble vessel silently moves on through the scene of confusion, without deigning to alter its course or to fire a shot; perhaps here and there a seaman casts a compassionate glance from the lofty bulwarks, and wonders at the hardness of those who come to assail his leviathan.—*Rogers' Superhuman Origin of the Bible*.

The last eccentricity of folly is to assert that you are guided by the Lord in your ridiculous actions. When one of these self-elected prophets told Bunyan that "by order of the Lord he had sought for him in half the prisons of England," the blunt divine replied, "That can't be, for the Lord knows well enough that I've been here in Bedford jail for the last 12 years."