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We have thought it well to give up a large amount of space this week to a report of the proceedings of the Educational Institute. This has made it necessary to hold over several communications to another issue.

Information has been received in Boston from Rev. Horatio Morrow, of Tavoy, Burma, that the Karen people of that district are suffering greatly from an invasion of rats, by which their crops of rice are being destroyed. The Karens live in the hill country and cultivate a kind of rice that grows on dry ground. This invasion of the rodents is said to be so important as to threaten a famine in the district and is likely to interfere seriously with the work of the mission. It is a matter of history in this country—that in the eastern part of Nova Scotia and especially P. E. Island—that an invasion of mice is by no means to be laughed at. If rats should invade a country in such numbers as the mice mustered when they made their famous descent upon the green island of the Gulf, it would be as formidable as an invasion of armed men.

"Get your facts before you generalize," is the sentiment and excellent advice of the *Congregationalist* to ministers who feel moved to enter upon a crusade in the interest of municipal reform. It is on this principle that Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, and all others whose efforts in that direction amount to much, have proceeded. The advice has its application in other matters besides municipal reforms. It is a comparatively easy thing to mount a platform and thunder fierce denunciations or utter sweeping charges which the speaker has no means of proving; but such a course does little to help on the cause of any reform, and often results as a serious hindrance. It would be reformers would first get facts by which to substantiate their statements, before they begin to generalize and denounce, much like the "booster" diffusion would be, and the cause of reform would be better served.

After the reading and discussion of Rev. J. H. Saunders' paper on Denominational Work before the Institute at the Thursday morning session, a committee was appointed to consider its suggestions and report thereon. At the Friday afternoon session the committee's report was presented, and was adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to report on the suggestions in the paper given by Rev. J. H. Saunders, in re denominational work, beg to report as follows: That the financial ability of our people is equal not only to the work already undertaken, but also to meet the constantly increasing demands of that work, and this Institute would earnestly urge upon our churches the necessity of taking immediate steps to bring this matter to the attention of each member of the churches and each friend of the work in our congregations. As to method, we should suggest that each of our pastors be asked to get one or two earnest workers in his church to make a personal canvass, especially among non-contributors, and so far as possible get each individual to give something weekly, monthly or quarterly, as the case may be.

We recommend that such meetings as these be held at different points as frequently as possible.

Church Opening at Windsor Plains.

Last Sunday, the 23rd inst., was a high day for pastor Johnson and the little Baptist Mission church at Windsor Plains, as they were then able to leave their old meeting house, which has long been very uncomfortable, and worship in their new house for the first time. Services were held in the afternoon and evening, in which Rev. F. A. MacEwan, pastor Johnson, brethren A. P. Shand and Noble Crandall and the writer took part.

The house will seat about one hundred and fifty and is very neatly finished, throughout. It is some time since the work was undertaken, and could not have been carried to completion but for the assistance of A. P. Shand, G. P. Payant and many others, in Windsor.

At the opening service pastor Johnson made reference to the assistance so kindly given and stated that Bro. Shand had superintended the whole matter and borne very much of the burden. The building cost upwards of \$200 which, to us, seemed very cheap for so large a building.

Bro. Noble Crandall, of Windsor, conducts a large Sunday school at the Plains and otherwise assists pastor Johnson.

We rejoice that another little mission church has a comfortable church home. Dec. 25. A. CONNOR.

Needlessly Alarmed.

Mr. Editor.—You have been favoring your readers with communications from good able brethren regarding membership in our B. Y. P. U.'s; but after all are not our brethren needlessly alarmed? Joining any society no matter how close the connection between the society and the church is not joining the church.

Active membership or associate membership in a society accords no privileges whatever so far as the church is concerned. And when I read about a "department" of the church according to any one—either Christian or not—the powers and privileges of church membership, I must confess that I cannot see the point at all. What, pray, has any "department" of the church to do with according privileges and powers when it is a well understood principle with us that the church itself can only accord privileges to its own members? The privileges are all wrong, and the conclusions of course are wrong.

But if we were to follow out legitimately these false conclusions, why our Sabbath-schools would be closed to all save members of Baptist churches. So with our other services, including even our preaching services. If what is so eloquently called "Mongrel Membership" in our societies ever could mean "mongrel membership" in our churches, then, of course, the obligation would hold good. But such not being the case, let us "gather them in"—that is to the societies—so that by the blessing of God they may learn of our doctrines, history and aims; so that upon their conversion to God they may follow the Saviour in His own ordinances, and then as baptized believers in Jesus Christ they may have the rights and privileges which can only be accorded to those who are members of His church. Are not simply members of any society only connected therewith or under its jurisdiction? The church is one thing, the society quite another, and let us be careful to distinguish between things which differ so materially.

Yours truly,
A. H. LAVERS.

S. S. Catechism.

For some time past I have believed that a S. S. Catechism was a necessity, and its importance grows on me as the years go by. What are some of the results, in practical Bible knowledge, in an ordinary class, in one of our ordinary Sunday-schools? When you see young men and women who have passed the primary and intermediate grades, looking in the Pentateuch for one of the minor prophets, and among the gospels for some of Paul's sayings, you have a sample of results of the ordinary work in our Sunday-schools. Don't laugh at it, for it is too true. I have watched it with a degree of sadness hard to be borne, not only in my own school but in others.

In our Sunday-school Convention I have said more than once that the members of the primary class should know the names of the books of the Bible and be able to find chapter and verse in either Old or New Testaments before graduating from that class. There is neither test, order nor demand made in the majority of our Sunday-schools, and results are patent. When would a class be graded in one of our day schools conducted after the model of one of our ordinary Sunday-school classes?

In such a course of Bible study, as we have hinted at for the primary class, the teacher would lay a foundation for a life-long study of the Bible, for which the scholar would bless her name and memory; for it would be worth, a thousand times told, all the ditties and stories the most fertile brain could produce. I am glad the Maritime Convention has given some attention to this matter of Catechism in the Sunday-school.

I have before me a sample copy of the Catechism recommended by the convention, and on page twelve in the theory—though in a much better form—that I have advocated for the primary classes. It is put under the title, "Books of the Bible." I have suffered much in days gone by for the knowledge given on this page, and if many of my brethren would frankly acknowledge they would say the same. There are few Bible students to-day who can name, in an orderly manner, the books of both Old and New Testaments. Come! How many are there? The Catechism recommended was prepared by the Rev. John A. Broadus, D. D., and in my humble opinion it is

well and suitably arranged for use in our Sunday-schools. I hope some of our enthusiastic S. S. workers will give us, in the *Messenger* and *Visitor*, some of their best thoughts on this most important subject—Catechism in the S. S. G. R. WHITE, Yarmouth, N. S.

Foreign Missions.

Come Over and Help Us.

Nearly 2,000,000 precious souls in India are dependent upon the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces for a knowledge of the way of life. They are hastening on to death—and they are going out into darkness that is eternal. Is that any concern of yours, my brother, my sister? These are men, women and children with souls and hearts, joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, sickness and pain like ourselves; but unlike ourselves, they have no ray of light to cheer the gloom of their dismal future. They are among those for whom He refers when He says to you: "Go ye therefore and make disciples in all nations." Yes, the Lord Jesus has laid it upon us in no uncertain way, and we have accepted the commission and pledged ourselves in a most public way to give to those people the Bread of Life. They are our neighbors—wounded and sick; in unto death—shall we, Levite and Priest like, pass by on the other side, or shall we be the "good Samaritan"?

They are our brothers, and they are in need—in great need—so great that it is hard to describe. And shall we let them go down to death and not put forth the helping hand? They will soon be beyond the reach of help. Hundreds are daily crossing that river of death, whence there is no return, and for the great multitude the glad tidings must soon or never come. They are ignorant of God and a Redeemer—they are spiritually blind and utterly unable to extricate themselves from the pit of heathenism. All the education, civilization and charity of the Christian world cannot lift them out of this condition. The Gospel, and the Gospel alone, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, can bring deliverance. While there are other missionaries laboring among the 18,000,000 of Telugus, there are no Protestant missionaries giving the Gospel to the 1,700,000 precious souls entrusted to the care of the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces. We have five mission families and three single ladies at work among these people. But one family and one single lady are now recruits, who take the places of the family and the lady who have been compelled to leave the field. This is no advance, brethren. We can scarcely be said to be holding our own, for the new recruits are not able to do aggressive work, and will not be for at least two years. But our brethren and sisters in India have gone forth in the name of Him who has sent us all with His message of salvation to lost men and women. They are doing what He has commanded all His disciples to do—proclaiming to the lost repentance and forgiveness of sins through faith in Him and relying upon His promise of the Holy Spirit to renew their hearts and guide them into the truth. If the people in these provinces need the faithful preaching of the gospel, those in India need it ever so much more. We all know enough to save our. They know nothing. Shall we have all and keep it to ourselves, or shall we share our knowledge with others less favored? Which is most in harmony with the mind of Christ?

We often pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest—men and women called of God, ready for service or sacrifice; ready to deny themselves of many of the comforts of a Christian land and to give themselves to a work that taxes the energies and talents of the strongest and most gifted among His people, so much so that time without number they are led to cry out in their stress, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The cry for help comes to us with an earnestness and force that it cannot be ignored. We cannot mistake its meaning. Help is needed, imperatively needed, and needed now. Your sympathy, your prayers and your money! Pastors and brethren, men and women of Israel, help! Hear the cry from multitudes, "Come over and help us!"

Yours in the work,
J. W. MANNING.

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Queens County Quarterly Meeting.

The Queens county quarterly meeting took place on the 21st inst., with the 2nd Grand Lane Baptist church. In the absence of the moderator, Bro. W. M. McVicar was appointed pro tem. Ministers in attendance as follows: Revs. J. Coombes, J. W. Manning, H. D. Worden, Bro. H. A. Stewart and G. T. Shaw. First session at 8:30 o'clock was occupied by receiving and discussing reports on the state of S. S. work in the county. In the evening address on S. S. Work were given by Bro. Coombes, Worden, Shaw, Barton, Manning, Irvine, and Stewart. A session—Devotional service 9:30 till 10:15 o'clock, after which the regular business of the quarterly was taken up. At 8:30 p. m. a most excellent Christian conference was held by the moderator. In the evening a public meeting in the interest of temperance was held. This subject was discussed by Bro. H. A. Stewart, Rev. H. D. Worden, Bro. W. M. Cummings, Peter Barton, A. T. Stewart and Bro. J. W. Manning. An excellent reading was given by Bro. G. M. Barton.

Sunday, a. m., the quarterly sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Manning, text Gen. 7: 1-7, which was a clear, impressive and helpful exposition of God's truths.

The p. m. session was under the auspices of the W. M. A. S. Sisters A. J. and F. F. McLean presiding. A Bible reading on Christian giving by Mrs. M. S. Coar. Addressed by Bro. H. A. Stewart and Rev. W. Manning. In the evening Rev. H. D. Worden preached a short sermon, text, Gen. 1: 4, after which a social service was participated in by a large number. At the session S. S. work was brought very prominently before the people, and our churches were urged to keep their schools running during the whole year. Brethren were appointed to prepare papers to be read at our next session as follows: Bro. W. M. Manning on General S. S. Work; Bro. Peter Barton on The Relation of the S. S. to Temperance; Bro. G. W. Barton on The Relation of the S. S. to missions. A resolution was also passed recommending our churches to raise contributions for foreign missions over and above what is being done through the W. M. A. S.

The next session is to be held on the 22nd Friday in March at 2:30 o'clock at Belyes Cove. Rev. E. Hopper was appointed to preach the quarterly sermon. Rev. H. D. Worden to be his alternate. Collections taken \$20.48—for F. M. \$14.48; for H. M. and St. B. S. \$6. S. D. ERVINE.

Literary Notes.

An Illustrated Frontispiece is one of the features of the *Missionary Review of the World* for January. This frontispiece represents the Hindu Idol, Ganapati, worshipped in many parts of India to-day, and it is accompanied by a description of its origin, character, and worship. A large part of the magazine is in this month devoted to a study of the "World's Outlook in 1895," prepared by the editor-in-chief and consisting largely of statements of the condition and progress of affairs, political and religious, in various parts of the world, contributed by such representative men as Dr. Geo. W. Knox; of Japan; Dr. J. Morray Mitchell, of France; Rev. Josiah Tyler, of Africa; Rev. William Ashmore, of India; Rev. W. C. D. Blyden, of West Africa; W. B. Boggs, of India. Besides the reports on these countries, there are others on Arabia, Persia, Thibet, Corea, Germany, Burma, Turkey, and South America. A valuable and scholarly article on "The World's Population, Races, Languages, and Religions" also appears in this number in the pen of Prof. A. H. Keane, of England. The statistical tables of the various missionary societies of the United States and Canada added to the already mentioned features make this issue of the *Review* invaluable to all students of missions and the world's progress. The prospectus for the year 1895 promises interesting and valuable features for the coming months with such improvements and additions, as experience may show to be advisable. The *Review* increases in interest and value yearly, and is indispensable for a knowledge of missions at home and abroad. Departments: I. Literature of Missions; II. International Department; III. Monthly Field of Survey; IV. Editorial Department; V. General Intelligence Department. Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnell Co., 39 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2.50 a year. The Springfield Republican.

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The *Weekly Republican* is an invaluable journal for all who cannot keep pace with the crowding reports of current events in the daily press, and as well for New Englanders away from their early homes who desire to keep cost a part of oversight for itself, also a beautiful winter acquire and pair of overhauls for Mrs. S. Many other expressions of kindness we received from time to time from our beloved people. These tokens of esteem placed our hearts and encourage us in the work. May our God abundantly bless the donors, both spiritually and temporally, in the desire of their pastor's heart. L. J. SAUNDERS-WHITE, West Jeddore, Dec. 20, '94.

month to those who wish to try it. Address THE REPUBLICAN, Springfield, Mass. 52-14

More Gifts to Ministers, Widows and Children.

Have received nearly \$100 of the \$600 needed. Thanks for what has come. There is more to follow. Remember the sick and infirm ministers, widows and children.

A friend, Berwick, \$3; another friend, Berwick, \$2; Forest Glen church, per Mr. Henry Fletcher, \$5; Mrs. S. A. Webb \$1; Mira church, per Rev. E. A. McPhee, \$3.10; Hampton church, per Mr. Isaiah Brown, \$2.81; Gosben church, per Mr. John R. Sutherland, \$5; DeBert River, per Rev. T. A. Blackadar, \$3.17; Oak Bay church, per Mr. J. B. Skinner, \$1.50; Lodge Dufferin church, per Rev. I. R. Skinner, \$1.50. Total \$23.58.

Received up to date \$38.16 of the \$600 needed. E. M. SAUNDERS, Sec.-Treas.

NOTICES.

The next session of the Albert County quarterly meeting will be held with the First Coverdale church, at Turtle Creek, on the second Tuesday in January, at 2 p. m. One whole session is to be given to Sabbath school work. Bro. J. B. O'Leary is to prepare programme for this session. Rev. S. H. Cornwell will preach quarterly sermon. Let all come who can. Come to do faithful work in the Lord's cause. I. B. COLWELL, Sec.

Acadia Seminary.

The executive committee of Acadia Seminary have made suitable arrangements to carry on the various departments of the Seminary for the coming Term in a satisfactory manner. The Term will open on the 9th January. Correspondence relating to the care of the young ladies may be addressed to Miss Winnifred G. Crowell, Wolfville, N. S. Checks and money orders may be made payable to Everett W. Sawyer, Treasurer.

Take Notice.

The undersigned desires to obtain, for the library of the First Baptist church, Halifax, minutes of the Eastern Baptist Association of New Brunswick for the following years: 1850, 1853, 1866, 1876 and 1878. Will those who have old associational minutes, they are not anxious to retain, kindly look them over, and if any of the above are found, please forward them to Rev. C. Chute, First Baptist church, Halifax, N. S.

The Digby County quarterly meeting will hold its next session at Smith's Cove, Jan. 15th and 16th. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. B. N. Nobles, on Tuesday evening, Wednesday will be given to reports from the churches and business. Will the chairmen of the different committees please attend to their several duties. Wednesday evening, from 7 o'clock until 8, will be given to the young people for the purpose of considering the matter of organizing a County B. Y. P. U. Will the pastors and deacons please bring this fact to the notice of the young people, and get each Young People's Society—or where there is no society, the church—to appoint two of its young people as delegates.

A. T. DYKEMA, Sec.

Dec. 26, '94.

The Cumberland and Westmorland Quarterly Meeting will meet at Parrboro, Jan. 23rd, at 7 p. m. The session will continue through the day and evening of the 24th. The brethren of the two counties will observe this notice, and prepare themselves upon the subjects assigned. Rev. Dr. Steele, History of the Baptists; Rev. E. H. Howe, Family Order and Discipline; Rev. A. H. Lavers, Social and Conference Meetings; Rev. H. Estabrook, B. Y. P. U.; Rev. J. M. Parker, Sabbath schools; Rev. C. H. Haverstock, Home Missions; Rev. P. B. Nowlan, Benevolent; Rev. W. C. Vinson, On Hiring the Pastor; Rev. S. W. Keirstead, Temperance; Rev. W. W. Weeks, Foreign Missions; Rev. H. B. Smith, Amusements. The secretaries of Baptist Sabbath-schools will kindly comply with the following resolution passed at our last meeting: "That henceforth quarterly reports from the Sabbath schools be presented at our quarterly conferences; and that the secretaries of Baptist Sabbath-schools be requested to co-operate in this matter of sending in statistics and any other information that may aid in the work. The consensus of opinion was that the last meeting was one of the best we ever had. We desire to make the one in Parrboro the best of all. This will not be accomplished if the brethren stay at home. Let each one resolve to be present this time. If all will attend we will have an interesting session. Brethren, if you have the interest of the cause at heart, don't stay at home. Let a slight but sickness prevent you from attending. H. B. SMITH, Dec.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

I wish through the columns of the *Messenger and Visitor* to express my gratefulness to the church and congregation at West Jeddore for their valuable donation, consisting of an overcoat and a pair of overhauls for myself, also a beautiful winter acquire and pair of overhauls for Mrs. S. Many other expressions of kindness we received from time to time from our beloved people. These tokens of esteem placed our hearts and encourage us in the work. May our God abundantly bless the donors, both spiritually and temporally, in the desire of their pastor's heart. L. J. SAUNDERS-WHITE, West Jeddore, Dec. 20, '94.

W. B. M. U.

NOTO FOR THE YEAR:
"He yeasting therefore and let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded."

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John West, N. B.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY.

For Mr. and Mrs. Higgins and Miss Clarke, also the revival helpers as co-teachers, that the Holy Spirit may go before them and prepare the hearts of the people to accept salvation through Christ.

Good news and plenty of it from the societies this week. Many thanks to the sisters who so kindly keep us informed. May the numbers be greatly increased. This is the best way to keep up the interest in our work. Be very brief, but do not fail to report progress and tell us all you can to encourage and inspire.

Lockeport.

Last week it was my pleasure to visit the Baptist churches at Middle Sable and Louis Head. At our last quarterly meeting we talked with the sisters from all parts of the county, and a plan of work was determined upon which included the organization of missionary aid societies in all the churches in the county where they do not now exist. It was in pursuance of this plan that these churches were visited. At both places we found the sisters ready and willing to put their hands to the plough.

At Middle Sable we met in the afternoon of the 13th. There was first a social meeting at which were present pastors Carpenter and Browne. The Holy Spirit was there. A society was organized with seven members who were present, and some others who had given their names. The walking was very bad and the families scattered, and some whose hearts were with us were unable to be there. Mrs. Alice Moody was elected president and Mrs. Daniel McAdams secretary. It was a great pleasure to meet these warm-hearted sisters at Middle Sable. In entering upon this work the underlying motive seems to be "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

We met at Louis Head the same evening. Here there was a preaching service, and after that the meeting for organization, or more properly, re-organization, as a short time ago existed here a few years ago. Eleven came forward to form the society, but here, as in Middle Sable, there are other workers who were prevented from being there by the state of the roads. Mrs. Augustus Freeman was elected president and Miss Flora Giffon secretary. Here is a good society, whose influence will be felt at home and in India.

We should not have been able to do this work unaided by Pastor and Mrs. Carpenter. His people's hearts prompt them to say Father Carpenter, He prepared the way, made appointments, came to Lockeport for us with his own team, entertained us at the parsonage, encouraged and pushed the enterprise in every way and will continue to care for the new interests now planned.

In the next annual report Shelburne county means to make a better showing. S. B. BROWN, Dec. 18 Windsor, N. B.

Mrs. Nalder reports a meeting held at Cheverly, which was most encouraging. A full house, good attention, good singing, recitations and collection. Mr. C. H. Burgess took great pains to prepare the programme. Mrs. Nalder gave an address, and in her remarks said, "There was one person who sincerely hoped was not present and would never again attend a missionary meeting, that was Alexander the Cypriote, who had done so much harm." She then told an incident that occurred some years ago, of a sister who had given her at Christmas a five dollar gold piece, she thought she could not do better than give it to Jesus, so she handed it to her. She said if there were any in that audience who had gold coin they were invited to imitate the wise man of old who brought gifts to the infant Jesus. At the close of the meeting, as an old gentleman gave a hasty hand shake, he placed something in her hand which had a peculiar expression on his face. She supposed it to be twenty-five cents, but discovered to her great delight it was a five dollar gold piece. Then the Lord let a slight but sickness prevent you from attending. H. B. SMITH, Dec.

Pointe du Lac, N. B.

We observed Nov. 9th as Crusade Day. The weather proved very unfavorable, and only a small audience greeted us as we assembled for our public meeting in the evening. A good programme was rendered, and a collection amounting to \$4.25 was taken. One sister gave us her name that day and two more at our last meeting. We hope much from our pastor's family, who have recently moved in our midst. The future looks bright. L. J. SAUNDERS-WHITE, West Jeddore, Dec. 20, '94.

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THE NEW YEAR.

Another year has passed over to the great and silent majority of years. Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Four has been with us and has gone. Like other years, it brought with it great and numerous blessings. Many of these have been recognized as such, and received with a more or less genuine gratitude; and other blessings there have been, none the less valuable than the former, but we were not wise enough to understand their true character and significance. They came disguised, and we were not sufficiently keen of vision to pierce through the disguise and to understand that the messengers which so came to us were not enemies but friends. Thus many a heavenly visitor has been turned away from our doors, whose company and fellowship would have meant great gain to us. Some of these were afflictions sent to develop patience and faith and spiritual life in us; but we esteemed them as hard experiences, grievous to be borne. Some of them came as opportunities and calls to blessed service in the name of our Master, service that might not only have helped some fellow-travellers in need, but have brought also increase of strength and joy and great spiritual blessings to ourselves. And others have come as labors which could not be escaped, but which stemmed far to overtake our strength.

But 1894 is now gone with all its blessings, afflictions, labors and opportunities; the year and its experiences belong to the past, and no power can recall the events it has regarded. Another year is now with us. As we say farewell to the old, we utter in the same breath our greeting to the new. For a little while now, if life be spared, we shall walk in the company of EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE. We cannot with certainty forecast the future. Everything may come to pass differently from what we expect. Still we are probably justified in expecting that the year upon which we have just entered will be, in many respects, quite similar to other years which we have seen while also in some respects it will undoubtedly be different from any of the others. We may expect that it will bring its blessings, its afflictions, its labors and its opportunities. It may bring happiness which we did not anticipate, and it may bring to us sad losses and afflictions which likewise were unforeseen. But neither prosperity nor adversity is in truth the thing of first significance, for he who is living wisely receives both in faith, and being divinely taught, binds in them material for that holy temple which he builds to God.

Not enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way, But to live that each to-morrow finds us farther than to-day.

Let us bid the year a cheerful welcome. It is a good year, for it is God's gift to us, and because of this, it and all other years are good. Every year brings something which, if rightly used, adds to the wisdom, strength and grace of Christian character. Every year brings the believer nearer to his home with God. Let us then join company with the new year with courage and confidence. It is the gift and the messenger of Him who sends His children nothing that is not good.

Looking abroad upon the world at large the new year seems to human vision to open auspiciously. For the most part the world is at peace. The war between China and Japan seems about to terminate in the abject humiliation of China. And the effect of the war can hardly fail to be favorable to the interests of Christianity and civilization in that vast empire. So far as international affairs in Europe are concerned, a more settled condition appears to prevail than for some time past. There is some hope that the alien peoples living under Russian rule may enjoy under the new year a larger measure of liberty than has hitherto been their portion. There is prospect that inquiries now pending

into the outrages which the Armenian people have suffered at the hands of their enemies may lead to their deliverance from the cruel and despotic rule of the Turk. The attitude of France toward Madagascar is indeed one dark spot in the eastern sky. If France shall enter (as it seems to be her present purpose to do) upon a war of conquest in Madagascar, it will form a sad chapter in her history, whatever may be the immediate results.

Here, in this western world, there is much promise of good. Between the two branches of the English-speaking race on this continent there is peace and good will. As Canadians we may regard the country God has given us with feelings of gratitude and patriotic pride. True, a shadow falls upon the opening year, as the country sadly pays the last (of its) respect to its dead premier. (And however many may have differed with him in respect to religion and politics, all heartily unite to honor him as a statesman of distinguished ability and incorruptible integrity.) But now, as in the past, Canada does not lack men of eminent ability. If the affairs of this Dominion shall but be administered with that economy which is necessary in a comparatively new and undeveloped country, and with that righteousness which is essential to permanence in every nation, there is no lack in which the outlook for the future has a larger promise than in Canada. As then we enter upon this new year, we may, as Canadian citizens, turn our faces hopefully toward the future with confidence in God and in our destiny.

We greet each other as we meet by the way with "A Happy New Year." Doubtless there is a measure of good will and sincerity in the greeting, but if we really mean it we are surely in duty bound to seek to promote the happiness of others. To wish one's neighbor a happy new year and then pursue such a course as to cause them unhappiness is a sorry inconsistency if not also a rant hypocrisy. Shall we not then seek so to spend this new year that those who live in the same home or community with us shall be something the happier for our presence? What this old world needs especially this year of 1896 is more people inspired with a purpose to put in practice Christ's Golden Rule. "As ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so unto them."

BAPTISTS AND POLITICS.

At the recent Baptist Institute held in this city there was made, what often should be done, a restatement of the fundamental principles of Baptists. This was forcibly done by President Sawyer, and evoked ample endorsement by the members of the Institute. One of the oldest and strongest contentions of the Baptists is the separation of church and state. This our fathers fought for in these provinces. This drove Roger Williams to Rhode Island and his teaching leavened this continent with the principle. The Baptists of Cromwell's time and earlier advocated the same principle, as did those of the Netherlands, and the Anabaptists of Southern Germany and Switzerland. In fact the royal line of this teaching can be traced back to the utterances of Christ: "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

Freedom for the church, freedom for the individual in all religious concerns, is the Baptist demand. The state is loyally recognized in its own sphere as supreme, and to it obedience is taught even though the king be a bad one. Baptists are not and never have been an insurrectionary or revolutionary force. They hold that office in the state should be given to persons who are suitably qualified to perform its duties, and not from the religious views, or lack thereof, of the applicants.

Baptists, however, are citizens as well as church members, and it is to this aspect of the question we wish to call attention. If as citizens they have men competent to the discharge of civic duties they do not wish to be overlooked because of the less political persistence of the denomination. The members of our churches are free in the state as in the church, and can and will act in their individual capacity if they consider they are unfairly dealt with. At the present time in Dominion and Provincial official position they are much behind others, who have no better men or claims. On the bench and in offices of trust, honor and emolument, they are scarcely reckoned, although in this province the last census gave the following as the standing of the leading Protestant bodies: Baptists 54,900, Church of England 43,050, Presbyterian 40,530, Methodists 35,836, Free Christian Baptists 24,674. All, save the Baptists, are fairly well represented in positions of trust, and did their lack arise from incompetency it might be more easily overlooked. As a denomination we were first in the field in higher education, and our schools have had as liberal a patronage as any other, and in as high a curriculum of study. Moreover for years we have had a majority of the teachers of

this province. This would hardly indicate a lack of qualified material for official position. The time has come when we must give a little more attention to our civil and political duties. The greatest lever is that of the franchise, and that Baptists must use with intelligent appreciation of what are the requirements of the state, and at the same time suffer no slight to their own men who may be equally as well prepared as others for the discharge of the duties of official position.

The Educational Institute.

According to notice and programme which appeared in last week's issue of the Messenger and Visitor, a series of meetings was held in St. John on Thursday and Friday of the past week, with the purpose of promoting a deeper interest in the cause of education in which the denomination is engaged. The first meeting was held in the school-room of Leinster St. church on Thursday at 10 a. m. In addition to the pastors and a number of other brethren belonging to the city, there were present: Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Prof. Keirstead and Haley of Acadia; Rev. W. E. McIntyre, of St. Martin; Rev. W. C. Vincent, of St. John; Rev. E. J. Grant of Sussex; Rev. J. D. Freeman and H. C. Creed, Esq., of Fredericton. Rev. J. W. Manning was chosen chairman of the meetings and Rev. G. O. Gates secretary. After prayer by Rev. G. O. Gates, the first paper on the programme was presented by Rev. J. H. Saunders, subject: "Are our people undertaking more denominational work than they are able to carry?"

He maintained that our people are numerous and influential in these Maritime Provinces. That their financial ability is equal to large benevolent undertakings, if they are but properly trained to good works. That the missionary and educational work they have on hand may reasonably be greatly enlarged. The sad fact that our enterprises are disgraced and distressed with debts does not go to prove that we cannot do the large work far easier than we are now doing the lesser service.

He recommended that this Institute consider whether it is really the duty of our churches to carry on all the work they have undertaken along missionary and educational lines. He argued that our Baptist churches can abandon any of their mission enterprises either at home or abroad only as they put at fault their profession of love and loyalty to Christ. That in our educational work there must be no abandonment; but there may be such readjustments from time to time as the demands of the day may suggest; such as conducting our academic work so as to make the best use possible of our provincial high schools, and to enlarge expenditure in our college and so increase its efficiency. The method suggested for improving on our present work was to most industriously instruct our people in the ways of the Lord and to improve upon our present convictions as to our privileges in the Christian service assigned to our people.

Mr. Saunders' paper prompted quite a lively discussion. President Sawyer said he believed the subject with which the paper dealt lay at the basis of our public work as a denomination. The fact that must impress itself upon the minds of those who considered the matter, was that in the last ten years there had been practically a stationary condition in our work and the contributions for its support. This suggested the enquiry: Have we reached the maximum of what we are able to do. This he did not believe. He believed our churches might hope to reach a contribution of two dollars per member for our public work, while at present we were raising but little more than fifty cents per member. It is not that the people are not able to do more, but that their sympathies are not fully aroused on behalf of our work. As to how this might best be done, he thought the pastors who came in close contact with the people were best prepared to express an intelligent opinion.

Rev. Dr. Carey believed that the present plan of putting all contributions into one fund to be divided pro rata was not good. Appeals would be more successful if each interest were presented by itself. He would like that the practical business men of the denomination should give thought to this matter, and see if there could not be an improvement devised upon the present method in this respect.

H. C. Creed said he had a suggestion which he would give for what it was worth. He had thought that while we have organizations for receiving and disbursing funds, we have none for raising funds and developing a spirit and habit of benevolence among the people. He believed that it would be a good thing to have a central committee for this purpose, which should act upon the churches through agencies. The idea of one dollar per member made prominent in the Convention scheme had worked harm, as so many persons regard it as a maximum standard rather than a minimum or an average. We are not doing what we should

to develop Christian benevolence. It should be taught that every Christian who was able to support himself should give at least a tenth of his income to the Lord's work.

J. H. Saunders was opposed to special organization for the collection of funds and development of benevolence in the churches. This was the pastors' work. The difficulty is too many pastors are not doing this work. There was too much of the "short-cut" principle. A short cut to the ministry, short cut pastors and short cut salaries, wherever there was an able and stable ministry the benevolence of the churches showed its development.

Rev. W. C. Vincent said that it was required of pastors to be examples to their people as well as teachers. Churches will not be benevolent unless their pastors are so. He thought it would be well for pastors to hold summer schools of giving to cultivate the grace of benevolence.

T. B. Simms did not believe in special organization for development of benevolence. This was church work. The one dollar per member idea, he thought had worked harm. As the convention scheme had been adopted, he thought there should be an effort to carry it out. It seemed to him very important that the existing deficits should be wiped out.

Rev. G. J. G. White thought there was no more reason why there should be a special organization for developing the benevolence of the churches than for many other things. This work belonged to the pastors. But pastors often could not conveniently obtain the information necessary in presenting the claims of some departments of our denominational work. If the different Boards would furnish through the Messenger and Visitor such information it would materially aid the pastors in this matter.

Rev. G. O. Gates agreed with others that the limit of ability for carrying on the work of the denomination had by no means been reached. The arousing of interest in the various interests was the work of the churches. The pastors could do much but must have the active co-operation of their leading brethren.

Rev. E. J. Grant endorsed these views. The pastors alone could not accomplish the work. If influential brethren worked with the pastor success was assured. He believed it was time the convention scheme was thrown to the winds.

Next on the programme was Dr. Carey's address on "An Educated Ministry." It was necessary that the minister should be: 1. Called. 2. Qualified. 3. Consecrated. As to education, he would make an educated ministry the rule, and approved the position of the Presbyterians in this respect. He would have the candidate examined in New Testament Greek, Exegesis, &c. The minister needs to take a college course. What would do in the times of our fathers will not do to-day. With the problems of the higher criticism and other things to deal with, the minister must be an educated man. Education should be: (1) Spiritual; (2) Intellectual; (3) Practical; (4) Theological. The training been given at Acadia, he believed to be of very high quality. But the speaker regretted that the college did not have a theological department. He would have the young men educated in theology as well as in arts, and thus obviate the necessity of their going abroad and being lost to us. Was it not possible that theological work should be taken on at Acadia?

Prof. Keirstead, in answer to Dr. Carey's question, said that our situation in these provinces was such that it would seem we should do our educational work by ourselves, and he had felt that there should be provision for the theological training of our ministers. But we were failing to do so great an extent to carry on successfully the amount of work we have undertaken that, under present circumstances, it would seem quite imprudent to undertake more. He was sorry to say that there was not apparent among our people that appreciation of the cost of higher education that would justify an advance movement. Denominational schools, in order to successful life, must be born of conviction and purpose. We need a profounder conviction of the truth and value of religion itself. There is abroad too much of the idea that our work can be accomplished without sacrifice.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

For the following report of the afternoon session we are indebted largely to the Sun of the following day. First came a paper by H. C. Creed, M. A., entitled "The Denominational College, Does it Exist as a Training School for Ministers?" The paper took a negative position in reference to this question. The institutions at Wolfville were designed not primarily for the education of ministers alone, but were intended to be in a broad and direct sense for the benefit of the young people of the denomination. Mr. Creed presented evidence to show that this was the intention of the founders of the college. A college in the broad sense

of the word was originally intended and he did not think it would be well to narrow that plan. A college was not calculated to train men for any particular office in life, but rather to educate and to train men to think and to express thought; so that when an A. B. left college and went out into the world he was prepared and well disciplined for any station in life. A number of years spent in college furnished a most excellent training for the man who afterwards became a lawyer or a physician, and so it was with the young man who became a preacher. The years spent in college furnished a good sound training for the noble work he was about to enter into, but sermon making and the general work in the church would have to be learned by him after he left college. No one should plead for the college on a false basis. Every person should understand that the real work of Acadia was the training of all persons. Acadia lives and would continue to live more in the hearts of the people for the good it has done in supplying a general education than for any other work it might have accomplished.

Considerable discussion followed. Dr. Sawyer thought Mr. Creed's argument was quite complete, although, he said, an appeal for relief to educate ministers was more successful than an appeal made on a wider basis. Dr. Sawyer said he had made three distinct efforts for the development of theological education at Acadia and had failed each time. There was lack of sympathy on the part of at least some of the governors of the college, as well as on the part of many of the students themselves. Yet he thought they should not lose hope, that at no very distant day they would be able to carry on with success the work of a college for the training of young ministers. But at present there did not seem to be any use to try the experiment further. The safe and solid ground was a general education. The speaker said he thought that educating the people must involve an educated ministry, for if they had an educated people they would demand an educated ministry.

Dr. Carey referred to the Baptist college in Toronto, Macmaster Hall. While on a visit to Toronto some weeks ago, he had learned that many young men were attending the provincial university. He was very much afraid the Baptists of Toronto had undertaken too much.

Principal Macintyre was pleased at the remarks made by Dr. Sawyer. There was little doubt that it struck a tender chord in the hearts of the people to appeal for aid on behalf of ministers, but he thought they should understand that their denominational college was calculated to give the students a general education, and that it did not exist primarily as a training school for ministers. He did not think the people of Macmaster so heavily endowed, should fear the provincial university. The Baptists of Acadia had no cause to fear the provincial university and they had not nearly as many advantages as their brethren in Toronto.

Prof. Haley said he objected to the term university being used so carelessly. There were ten or twelve universities on the continent. The rest were colleges, nothing more, and the majority of them were doing college work. In the Maritime Provinces they were competing with colleges and nothing more. Dalhousie was only a college; it was a university on paper only; it hoped to be a university some day. And he hoped the institution at Wolfville could one day properly be called a university, but now he wanted the old name, college. The people should not attempt to set up a mongrel sort of an institution. The time had come when the people in the Maritime Provinces should settle down and be content to carry on college work and no more. If they attempted to carry on theological work to-morrow, the denomination would not back them up.

Professor Keirstead remarked that he thought Macmaster university was doing good work and should be hopeful.

Rev. J. A. Gordon thought Acadia University had accomplished good and noble work. Mr. Gordon said that by the term ministry he did not mean the man who stood in the pulpit on Sunday only. He included every person who labored for the advancement of what was good in the sight of God, and on this ground he was inclined to think the college was a training school for the ministry. He did not think Dr. Carey's idea of an educated ministry could ever be realized, although he was very much in favor of an educated ministry. He did not think every man who could pray well or do something else well should be ordained.

Rev. S. McC. Black addressed the Institute on the Relation Between Intellectual Training and Christian Service. Intellectual training was interpreted to mean especially the higher education received in the colleges and universities. Christian service was the work of the church and the Sunday school and all other religious work. But there were persons who did not do any of the work of the church who were doing Christian work. A man

who made money and spent it for the glory of God was as truly engaged in Christian work as the man who stood in the pulpit. It made no difference in what business a man was engaged, if he labored for God in his station he was engaged in Christian service. Intellectual training did not create the ability for Christian training, the germ must come from God. But on the other hand intellectual training gave ability for Christian service. Two relations between intellectual training and Christian service were noted: (1) A relation of power, (2) a relation of obligation. Knowledge was power; the ability to lead came with a trained mind and enabled men to take a large spiritual grasp of things. Intellectual growth must go with spiritual growth. There could not be the largest spiritual growth without a corresponding measure of intellectual life. The development and training of the intellectual powers was necessary to spiritual development. There were uneducated men engaged in the ministry who in their younger days were very useful, but unless the mind were developed such a man would not grow or expand, his sphere of usefulness would be a narrow one, and he would soon pass out of sight; whereas if his mind had been developed his power would be strengthened with the growth of years. He did not say it was absolutely necessary to go to college or to take a theological course in order to get intellectual training. He did not consider that the line was marked here. There were men who went to college who never knew what intellectual training was, and there were men who never saw the inside of a college who were a college in themselves. The speaker proceeded to call attention to the obligation to Christian service which the possession of a trained intellect imposes. But as a matter of fact, he asked, Does intellectual training prompt and promote Christian service? The man who attended college was able to do more than the man who did not, and as a Christian he should be willing to do all he could, but did the higher education do as much as might be expected to make men efficient in Christian service?

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The next paper was by Rev. Dr. Sawyer. Subject: "Our Duty in the Light of Some of Our Distinctive Principles." This very able paper was listened to with great attention. It also will, we hope, be given to the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

The third paper of the morning was presented by Prof. F. R. Haley. Subject: "The Provincial College and its Curriculum of Study."

This apparently dry subject was presented in a fresh and suggestive manner. Prof. Haley has promised us his paper for publication.

A discussion of a somewhat general character followed in reference to the papers which had been presented. Mr. G. U. Hay, Principal of the Victoria school, St. John, said he had been deeply interested in the papers read. He alluded to school traditions, of which Prof. Haley had spoken. The traditions in connection with some schools had a national influence. Such a school was Acadia. He agreed with Prof. Haley that the curriculum of the high schools was too full, and in consequence of this the student could not quickly get well grounded in the studies necessary to entrance into colleges. He hoped that Prof. Haley would sometime, in another paper, point out the remedy for the existing difficulty. He believed in the value of the national sciences, and that acquaintance with at least one branch of natural sciences was essential to a liberal education. He thought it wise to maintain sympathy for the common schools and seek to bring them into line with our views of what is best.

Some discussion occurred in connection with some remarks in President Sawyer's paper in reference to the failure of Baptists to take a prominent part in public affairs. Rev. E. J. Grant asked if this were the fact. Dr. Sawyer believed it was, and that it was the result of a misconception as to Christian duty. Rev. J. A. Gordon said that officers and emoluments in the state were apt to go to others, rather than Baptists, because the other religious bodies, by virtue of centralizing their forces were able to bring more influence to bear upon governments, and under such circumstances it was natural that Baptists should fail to take so active a part as some others in political affairs.

Dr. Carey highly commended the thoughts presented, and would like to see the paper published. It struck at the root of our denominational principles. Our position has often been falsely assailed. We owe it to the world to proclaim intelligently our relations to the world about us.

At the afternoon session a very forcible and excellent address was given by Rev. J. A. Gordon on "Some Ways of Helping Our College." The close relationship of interest between the college and the church was shown, and it was pointed out how the pastor could serve both by reminding his people of the history and work of the College; by emphasizing its importance and persuading young people to seek its training.

Rev. W. C. Vincent followed with an admirable paper on "The Need of a University Training for the Young People of To-day." We have the promise of this paper for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Discussion followed. Mr. Creed said he had been much pleased with Mr. Vincent's paper. It had dealt with the subject presented in a more popular way than most of the papers. There were, he believed, the best of reasons why our young people should go to Wolfville or to some other religious institution rather than to a state school where little or no religious influence was exercised.

In President Sawyer's paper, presented at the morning session, reference had been made to the fact that so far, Baptists had failed to do much in the way of advanced Biblical study and exegesis, and were in these matters largely dependent upon the work done by others. This lack he considered Baptists should supply. Some discussion took place on this point. Prof. Keirstead thought that the president had hardly done justice to the results of Baptist scholarship. But admitting the case to be as presented, he held that it did not grow out of our principles. He gladly acknowledged our indebtedness to other bodies in the matter of advanced scholarship. And it is asked, "Why are they (the Congregationalists for example) ahead of us when we are so much more numerous?" The answer seems to be that they had put their strength into this kind of work, while the Baptists have put their strength into the work of missions and evangelization. In choosing this work Baptists necessarily relinquished a leading position in respect to the scholarship of the world. But he was inclined to hold that in doing this the Baptists had been working in harmony with their best

opportunities. Dr. Sawyer replied that he could not accept the position which this seemed to involve, that it was for Baptists to occupy a prominent only of the circle of religious activity. We were obliged to desire completeness in our work, and if the disposition were present, the means were not wanting to establish great seats of learning, and cultivate within the circle of the denomination the highest scholarship.

Rev. Mr. Gates spoke of the value of all the papers which had been presented; the inspiration which had been received through the coming of the brethren whom the institute had drawn together here, and noticed some points in the discussions of the day.

FRIDAY EVENING.
The closing session was held in the Brussels Street church on Friday evening. This was a "platform" meeting, and a larger number were present than at any of the preceding sessions. Chairman Manning presided. Rev. J. H. Hughes offered the opening prayer. The choir furnished music. The speakers as announced were President Sawyer, Principal McIntyre and Prof. Keirstead. After a few introductory remarks by the chairman as to the purpose and character of the meetings which were being held, Dr. Sawyer was introduced as the first speaker. He recalled a meeting held in connection with a convention which met with the church some years ago when a brother who was engaged in evangelistic work had sung with much effect, "We shall know each other better when the mists have rolled away." Dr. Sawyer said he did not know just what mists were referred to, or that there were any mists at the present time which particularly needed to be rolled away. But he felt sure we might say, "We should know each other better if we knew each other more." He valued the acquaintance he had with the few people in St. John whom he knew, and would be pleased if he might enlarge the circle of his acquaintance here. He had felt that it would have been well if one of the sessions of the Institute could have been devoted to social intercourse. Proceeding President Sawyer said there was evidence in the Bible that the book had come from an agricultural people. Here is especially frequent allusion to seed sowing. The Psalmist likens the good man to a tree planted by the water courses. Christ frequently employed figures of speech connected with husbandry. How apt an illustration of the developing Christian character or the developing of the kingdom of God is found in the growing plant—"first the blade, then the ear, afterwards the full corn in the ear." Then there is the proverb—how expressive! "Sowing to the wind and reaping the whirlwind." Have we any such experiences in our work? Perhaps not. The Apostle said, "Whatever a man sows that shall he also reap." Youth is life's seed-time and it is most important that its opportunities should not be neglected or despised. We can call to mind many failures because of the reaping of the follies sown in youth. It is important to consider what influences go forth from human lives, and how the good or evil which men do lives on after they are gone. We know how persons of strong intellect and convictions coming into a community fix their character upon it. There is such a thing as spasmodic movement, first here, then there, without making real progress in any direction. We need to have our faith strengthened in this fundamental law of nature—as we sow, so also shall we reap. It is important therefore to get the best men in the community to the front and keep them there. For men to work for good results which they themselves will not live to enjoy, this is heroic. This is that to which we are called.

The speaker believed that as a people we are going to come into closer relations and better understanding with one another. He rejoiced to see a number of young and middle-aged men coming to the front in our work who are fully equal in zeal and wisdom of purpose to those who have preceded them. This fact was to be welcomed as significant of good.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre was the next speaker, his subject "Academic Education." He expressed his interest in the papers presented and the discussion had in connection with them. But little or nothing so far had been said in reference to Academic Education. The need of Academic Education for the denomination in this province was acknowledged. True, some things in connection with our seminary had not been satisfactory. Had there been continued success and no disaster in connection with this work, there would be much greater hope and courage in us in reference to the work. But the difficulties should but inspire us with patience and more determined effort. The speaker touched upon the early history of the Academic work of the Baptists in the province, and paid a

grateful tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Sparden. Could we then feel it possible to discuss the proposal to abandon this work? Such an idea should not be entertained; but he regretted it must be said we have a divided constituency in reference to this interest. Some argue that the high schools supply the need and render our seminaries unnecessary. But do they really serve one community, and parents who had to send their young people away from home for educational work are very glad to send them to a religious school where their moral interests would be safeguarded. Then why should not the denomination take hold and establish this important interest. Mr. McIntyre said, through his intercourse with the people, he knew there was a demand for such a school. If it could be securely established it would not lack for patronage. But uncertainty in this matter is fatal to success. I our people could be induced all to take hold of this work together its success would be assured. The school had, for the present, moved to a private dwelling, which is sufficient for present needs, but as a permanent home, and the present circumstances of the school are such that we cannot speak of the future with confidence. But he believed the Baptists of this province would not give up the idea of having an academy for themselves. If we do not rise to this occasion the work will pass to other hands. Mr. McIntyre called attention to what the Baptists of Maine are doing in educational work. Our hope for the Seminary was in an united constituency. The future of the enterprise seemed indefinite, but we must hope by the help of God to carry it on to success.

President Allison, of Mount Allison University, being in the audience, responded to an invitation to come to the platform and address the meeting. He spoke in highly complimentary terms of President Sawyer, Acadia and the work the college is doing. Of the work being done here he knew nothing but good. At Mount Allison he said they felt under the strongest obligation to give to their young people the best in the way of education that they were able to give. They had of late done a large sum in new buildings and equipments. President Allison manifested in words and spirit the heartiest good-will toward the Baptist schools and those who are in charge of them. He was heartily applauded.

On the last day appeared the same Prof. Keirstead, who gave a capital speech, full of fire and eloquence. His subject was "The Opportunities of Education." He preferred to say opportunities rather than demands, for the Christian must look upon it in this light. It is the way rather than the must of his Lord. When one visits our growing cities and wide prairie lands he feels that a natural life is being developed in this country, and we in our educational work form an important and necessary part of that development. Here is our first opportunity. In the condition of upbuilding national spiritual as well as material conditions must be considered. There must be bread for the body, hence also for the soul. The material resources of the country however great give no results unless developed by intelligent workers. Men and women of developed and trained intellect are indispensable. The need of large numbers of workers appears. There is need of the best day schools, therefore of normal schools to provide teachers, and the teachers in the normal schools must come from the University. Hence all the interests of the country are bound up in the University. We believe that God has to do with the development of nations as the Jews of old. We must see God's hand in education. A second opportunity is seen in the excellent quality of our young men and women. How many of us are sending forth into the world. Our young people are marked by intellectual force and capacity for mental culture, and are thus capable of being honorably used of God in intellectual and spiritual ministry for the world. A third opportunity lies in the possibility of enlarging and elevating our work, making the high school of the future as good as the college of today and the college as good as the university of today. The fourth opportunity is in the movement of our young people toward increased religious intelligence and service. When these young people, developing in intelligence and Christian service, shall come to be the leaders they will carry the work gloriously forward. What shall we do with these so great opportunities? We may let them pass unseen. This would be to show ourselves hopelessly blind and stupid. Or we may see them and make some plans for them, but let them pass unimproved. This would be to paralyze our energies, arrest our growth. Or we may see these opportunities and accept them with all our heart, and mind and strength, in the name of our Lord.

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TUSKET.—On the 16th inst. I baptized two promising young men into the fellowship of the Tusket Baptist church. It is to be baptized again soon.
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SALISBURY.—The Lord has greatly blessed us on this field. Some little time ago I asked Bro. Young to come and assist me in special work. He came and spent about two weeks with us. God blessed the effort put forth, and as a result twenty were baptized, ten at Steeves Mountain and ten at

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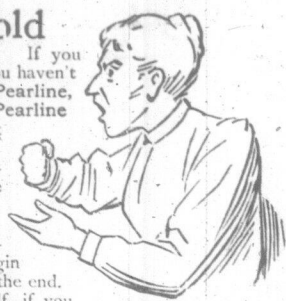
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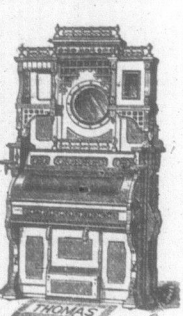
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