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The BUSINESS MANAGER would say a few words to the constituency of the MESSENGER and VISITOR, and to all our pastors and church members as well.

The character and growth of the MESSENGER and VISITOR during the five years of its work, in its present form, have been remarkably gratifying. The two circumstances which have contributed much to this result are energetic management of the business of the paper and the hearty co-operation of the denomination whose organ the MESSENGER and VISITOR is. It is to be hoped that these factors of success will be still continued under the new management. The outlook is hopeful. From the birth of this enterprise the MESSENGER and VISITOR has been a living thing, and like all living things it has grown, and this feature of its history we expect will be repeated in its future. It is the purpose of the directors and the staff to make the paper superior, if possible, in every particular to its past record. Additional help of an able character is to be engaged to enrich its columns. Some improvements are being attempted and planned for in its business department. The accounts are being carefully adjusted, and our patrons may be assured that all possible endeavors will be made to satisfy all the just demands of our constituency. The advertising department will be so conducted as to leave nothing to be reasonably complained of either as to space occupied or the character of the ads. inserted. That we shall be able to fully satisfy every individual of our numerous patrons we can scarcely hope; but we do hope to command the confidence and co-operation of our brethren by an honest and perpetual effort to serve the cause we love in our special department of this work in our denominational press.

One thing which claims our special efforts at this time is the increase of our subscription lists. While the weekly visits of the MESSENGER and VISITOR are now a wondrous power for good in more than seven thousand of our families, there are yet many thousands of our people still without this blessing. These we are anxious to reach. This anxiety is shared in by every one of our faithful pastors, and by all the live working brotherhood and sisterhood of our churches in these Maritime Provinces. To forward our purpose in this direction we now make this

SPECIAL OFFER.

We will send the MESSENGER and VISITOR to any new subscriber for the balance of this year, i. e., to Jan. 1st, 1891, for the sum of 25 cents, or to Jan. 1st, 1892, for the sum of \$1.70. We ask our pastors and friends to canvass for an increase of our circulation on these terms. To any who will send us three new subscribers with advance payment, we will send one copy free for the time this advance covers.

To those who are in arrears—and we find a large number of these on our books—we wish to say that we are ready to adjust accounts, for prompt settlements, in a way so satisfactory as to afford you pleasure in the transaction.

Active agencies will be employed as soon as possible for the accomplishment of the purposes here set forth.

Will correspondents cultivate the grace of patience? We are obliged to hold over "Travel Notes" and much other interesting matter to another issue.

BRIEF OUTLOOK.—As we go to press, news comes from Principal Oakes, Wolfville, that the school year is opening under very favorable auspices. Already fifty are enrolled in the Academy and more are coming. The Ladies' Seminary is also filling up rapidly. The prospect for the year is most encouraging.

IN TROUBLE.—The many friends of Professor and Mrs. Keirstead are sympathizing very deeply with them in these days of trouble, and many earnest prayers are being offered to God on their behalf. We are pleased to be able to state that, though the condition of Mrs. Keirstead's health is still such as to cause the gravest anxiety, yet the latest report received is somewhat more favorable, the symptoms being considered slightly encouraging.

BACK FROM GERMANY.—We were favored the other day with a brief call from Prof. J. B. Hall, Ph. D., of the Normal school, Truro. Dr. Hall has just returned from Germany, having spent the greater portion of the past year at Berlin, where he has been pursuing a course of study. He has also visited other principal educational centres of Germany with the purpose and result of acquiring much valuable information in regard to the German system of education. Dr. Hall is enthusiastic in his praise of the German school system, and finds that the theory and practice of pedagogues have scarcely been developed in this country. As a result of his study and

observation, Dr. Hall has issued a neat pamphlet of 18 pages, containing, in a condensed form, much information respecting the development and present condition of the German schools.

The SUN has lately added to its working machinery a large double cylinder Hoe press with folding and pasting attachment. This will make the SUN's equipment very complete and enable it to have its Saturday and weekly editions out for the convenience of its readers. We congratulate our contemporary on the increasing prosperity which makes this enlargement of facilities necessary.

S. S. CONVENTION.—We have received from J. Parsons, Esq., of Halifax, corresponding secretary of the N. S. S. Convention, a copy of a circular letter addressed to the Sunday-school workers of Nova Scotia, giving notice that it has been decided to hold the sixth Convention at Bridgewater, Lunenburg Co., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 7th, 8th and 9th of October next. The circular says: "Lunenburg is beautifully located on the Lallave River, some twenty miles from the ocean. It is one of the latest railroad towns and one of the most progressive in our province. With hearty unanimity the Sunday-school workers invited us to their town, and to all who will come they tender hospitable homes and brotherly love. Our programme will be published later. The papers, addresses, discussions and practical work will be of the best material possible."

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that quite a number of the delegates to the W. B. M. U. meetings lately held in Yarmouth, knew nothing about the Friday meetings until their arrival in Yarmouth on the evening of that day, and were surprised to find that the reports had been received, officers for the year elected and business generally transacted. The impression seems moreover to be abroad that no public notice was given of the Friday meetings. This impression, however, is quite incorrect. The holding of meetings on Friday was a matter decided on at the annual meeting in Fredericton, and that meeting adjourned, we are informed, to meet on Friday, Aug. 22, 1890. In addition to this, a notice appeared in the MESSENGER and VISITOR of August 20, at the head of W. B. M. U. column announcing that the Union would meet on Friday. It would have been better certainly, if the notice had been given a week or two earlier; but this, we have no doubt, was purely a matter of inadvertence and not of intention.

SOME members of the U. S. House of Representatives have been denouncing to the world that they can easily out-tanner Tanner, and beat, out of sight, for vulgarity and billingsgate anything that the British commoner has ever dreamed of. Zion's Herald of Boston, thus refers to it:

The proceedings in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, Aug. 27, not only brought the blush of shame and indignation to the cheek of every American citizen who read them, but will doubtless stand on record for a long time as one of the lowest depths of debasement of social life. As if this were not enough, it was followed by fistuffs between two other members, as well as the use of opprobrious language. It is to be regretted that all these members were not promptly called to order and sharply reprimanded by the Speaker. The press, without distinction of party, be it said, unqualifiedly condemns the participants in this affair, and the people demand that rowdism in Congress shall be supplanted by a higher sense of what is due the dignity of the American nation.

PASSING EVENTS.

ONLY THREE DAYS AND A HALF of a sea-voyage between us and England, is the aim of a scheme now on foot. It is proposed to build a railway from Quebec to some point on the east coast of Labrador, probably St. Charles Bay—a distance of 850 miles. From this point connection would be made with Milford Haven by a fast line of steamships—and from Milford passengers would pass on to London over the Great Western Railway. By this means the ocean voyage would be shortened by some 800 miles. The company which is about to grapple with this undertaking is known as The North Canadian Atlantic Railway and Steamship Company. Its proposed capital is \$4,000,000, and the Lord Mayor of London is its president. Preliminary surveys, we are told, are already being made, and if the reports are favorable the company will have 5,000 men at work in the spring. The gain by the proposed line, if it can be operated successfully, as com-

pared with present facilities for travel would be, in point of time, considerable. But the barrenness of the country between Quebec and the Labrador coast and its inability to furnish local traffic, and the great difficulty of operating such a line in the winter season and the improbability that any good winter port can be found on the coast of Labrador, are considerations which prevent the grand enterprise being regarded with great favor on this side of the Atlantic.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT furnished by the Superintendent of the United States census the total population of this country is 64,500,000. New York is still the leading State with a population of a little over 6,000,000, and Pennsylvania, which comes next, has made a larger gain than New York, having added 1,000,000 to her population during the decade. Twenty-seven States have passed the million line as compared with nineteen, ten years ago. Maine has gained only 9,000 and Vermont has 286 less than ten years ago. The total gain since 1880 is 14,000,000. According to the calculations of the New York Tribune the yearly natural rate of increase which has never before fallen below two per cent, has declined during the last decade to 1.5 per cent.

SOME OF THE UNITED STATES NEWSPAPERS are expressing apprehension in view of the number and character of immigrants pouring into that country from Europe. The cause for alarm is felt to be chiefly in the character of the immigration as indicated in the countries whence it comes. For while the monthly arrivals this year are said to average more than 29,000 over those of last year, the immigration from Great Britain is much less. There are fewer arrivals also from Germany, Switzerland and Sweden than formerly, whereas of Poles, Russians, Hungarians, Italians and Jews multitudes are coming. These represent the more turbulent and lawless elements in European society, and they will make the problem of good and stable government all the more difficult on this side the water. The great republic has certainly discovered marvellous powers for assimilation into its national life the immense immigration which for so long has been constantly pouring in upon her from all sources. But it is now coming to be felt that the capacity for assimilation is not without limit, and that the worst elements of the old world society should no longer be permitted unchecked ingress to this continent.

DURING THE PAST WEEK public attention has been strongly called to matters affecting trade between this country and the United States. The celebrated McKinley bill is making its way slowly through the Senate and is likely soon to become law. Under its provisions the duties on Canadian eggs, butter, poultry, hay and barley will, no doubt, under ordinary circumstances, be prohibitive, and it goes without saying that the proposed tariff will operate strongly to the disadvantage of this country. In this connection it is an interesting fact that Senator Sherman has given notice of resolutions in amendment to the tariff bill, looking toward reciprocity in trade—and especially in the coal trade—between the two countries. Senator Sherman's resolutions provide that:

"Whenever it shall be certified to the president that the government of Canada shall by law or regulation, admit free of duty into all its ports coal mined in the United States, he shall make a proclamation of the fact and thereafter, while such law or regulation is in force, coal mined in Canada shall be admitted free of duty in all ports of the United States. Further: Whenever it shall be duly certified to the president that the government of Canada has declared a desire to enter into such commercial arrangements with the United States as will result in the complete or partial removal of duties upon the trade between Canada and the United States, he shall appoint three commissioners to meet those who may be designated to represent Canada to consider the best method of extending the trade relations between Canada and the United States."

Such reciprocal legislation, we presume, would be eagerly welcomed by the people of Canada, but the present movement toward reciprocity in the United States Senate is probably little more than a political kite to influence the approaching elections. The present attitude of the Republican party, at all events, gives little ground for the hope that Senator Sherman's resolution will be adopted.

THERE are now 106 Societies of Christian Endeavor with a membership of 4,000 in the Province of Nova Scotia. In 1888, there were only 27 Societies. The reports show that our young people are being greatly helped in their spiritual life, and Christian activity by the instrumentalities of this Society. It insists upon loyalty to the individual church, while it cultivates friendly relations with all true believers.

Mothers and Babies.

M. F. CUSACK,
(THE SON OF DENMARK.)

Everywhere the same old story, but somehow the children do seem in a strong majority here. Poor little mortals, playing and laughing, and it must be admitted crying also, once in a while. Thinking not at all of the future, when there may be so many tears in store for them. And the mothers? Well it seems to me sometimes the mothers think as little about the future of their children as the children do. But the babies have no knowledge of their future life, and the mothers know. Will there not be a good deal of responsibility somewhere? Will not God say one day to the mothers: I gave you these little ones to care for; what did you do to prepare them for their future in time or in eternity?

It is not that these mothers do not care for their children, on the contrary they love them dearly. But they do not always give them wise care. We have had mothers' meetings, and talks to mothers, and much has been said that would have done these young mothers so much good if they had only heard it. But I noticed with pain, at all these meetings, that the young mothers who should have been there were absent.

The young mothers, I fear, think they know everything. The old mothers are just beginning to find out how little they know. But these old mothers, grandmothers many of them, had evidently begun at the beginning with their own children, and were rearing now the harvest ripe from early sowing. Happy mothers and happy children!

The great trouble, and, perhaps, I might say, the great evil of the present age is, that people do not think. The young people of the present day are brought up, or bring themselves up, in such a different fashion from the good old home-life. It seems to me sometimes as if there were no homes now. We have places to live in. We must have that, but a place to live in is not a home. I believe that much of the domestic trouble of the present day arises from, or is directly caused by, the absence of home life.

Having a home may be convenient, but it is not a home. A flat is a degree better, but a flat is not a home. Here to-day, and gone to-morrow. There are no tender associations, no loving personal recollections. I do not know whether a home is most needful for the husband or for the wife. I do see at the end of a long life of close observation of human nature that a home is supremely needful for both.

It is needful for both on the ground of a common interest. The home belongs to both; every little stick and stone, and picture and hanging, and door and window, has some mutual association which binds closer the ties which cannot be too closely united. The home is a place which is yours; of its sweetest joys, its sorrows and consolations the stranger knows not. It is your home.

Far better for the newly wedded to have a home, however humble, than to have a few rooms, "a place to live in," where there may be more fashionable surroundings, but where certainly there will be far less mutual interest. The advantage, too, of bringing children up in a home seems almost too obvious to need comment. And yet if the advantage was realized, as it should be, there would be more home life in this country.

I know the great difficulty in inducing young people to think of the future. If the present time, or arrangement, promises freedom from care, that is all they wish. And yet how much of the future depends on the present. A love of home is almost as great a safeguard as a love of mother; the mother and the home go together as one sweetest part of early recollection. Is it not worth while to secure such memories for our dear ones?

And so I look at the little children playing on the shore, and I look at the mothers watching them, and I wonder if the mothers realize how much they have to do for the future of their children. Sometimes I see that the mothers care for their little ones' health and happiness with wise, as well as loving, anxiety. Sometimes it is the very reverse, and the mother seems so hopelessly ignorant of the most common duties of her state that one wonders what kind of mother she had in her early days.

If mothers would only think seriously of their responsibility to their children, while they are young, they would not so often have to mourn over their shortcomings, or their sins in later life. Oh, dear mothers, in God's name realize all that you are, all that you ought to be to your children. If you do, they will one day rise up and call you blessed. If you

do not, alas for you, and alas for the

I think one cause of the mother's neglect of the mental and spiritual education of children is, that few mothers remember at what a very early age a child "takes notice." The very best of mothers are sometimes very remiss on this point. What a wonder the mind of a young child is! Surely no one can have been much with little children without noticing their marvellous intuitions. You may not think, but most certainly they do think.

What a mystery life is to them. Every thing is new and strange, and as they begin to reason with the first dawn of intellectual power you must be well prepared to inform their minds, to satisfy their questioning.

One thing you may be sure of, if you do not satisfy their growing desire for knowledge some one else will do so, and will they then obtain a knowledge of good, or a knowledge of evil? A child often begins to reason before it begins to speak. The process may not be comprehensible to you; certainly it is not comprehensible to the child, but it is in active existence all the same. The little hands are stretched out to grasp, or they are closed to hold some object which it is not good for the child to have. How soon it knows by mother's face whether she will be firm to withdraw the coveted evil, or whether if baby perseveres baby will gain her end.

Nor do I advocate that baby should be roughly, or if I might say it, discourteously refused what it desires. Far from it. While baby is not old enough to exercise its will to give up, because mother will that she should obey, she can be sweetly and lovingly induced to give up perhaps by withdrawing what is desired from her sight quietly and substituting something else, or by a loving caress. Either way the lesson of obedience is being learned and it can be learned with very little trouble to the learner and without very much trouble to the teacher, if only the lesson is repeated often, and if the teaching is commenced young.

Only to day a mother looked at me so piteously and said, "I don't know what to do with my baby, he is always crying," and the mother was a gentle, loving Christian woman too. Poor baby. The mother gave him just whatever he liked to eat because, as she said, he cried if he did not get it. But she did not realize that he would not have cried for the coveted food which was seriously injuring the poor boy's health, if she had not given it to him the first time he cried for it.

Ah, dear mother, beware of these first times, and of this "only once." King baby is a sweet little tyrant now, but later he may be a terror to you and even to himself.

Literary Notes.

"THE PRINCE OF PEACE; OR, THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF JESUS," by Mrs. Isabella M. Alden (Pansy).

It will be agreeable news no doubt to the many thousands of young people who have read the "Pansy" books to learn that Mrs. Alden is writing a life of Christ under the above title. We have received advance sheets of this work, and are very favorably impressed as to its character. There is a charm about Mrs. Alden's style which enables her to make even a tame subject interesting, and the subject which she has now in hand is certainly not a tame one. Almost numberless "Lives of Christ" have been given to the public it is true, but there is still room for a book which, without belittling its subject, shall set that peerless life attractively and intelligibly before the young.

Mrs. Alden seems to have aimed to tell the story of the wonderful life so simply that children will understand it, and yet so wisely that older and wiser readers find profit in its perusal. This aim, we think, she accomplishes, if we may judge from the part of the work which has come into our hands. One especially attractive feature of the book for juvenile readers will be the great number of illustrations which it contains. Some of these, at least, have merit, and will aid the youthful mind to comprehend the events narrated. The typographical work is of the best, and the volume will no doubt be in all respects a very attractive one. John T. Huber Company, Philadelphia and St. Louis, are the publishers.

"WALTER HARLEY'S CONQUEST," by E. L. S. E.

It may be of interest to a large number of the readers of the MESSENGER and VISITOR to know that the above story is written by a Fredericton lady, whose family connections are well known to our denomination in these provinces. The author, "E. L. S. E.," is Mrs. H. G. Estey, and a daughter of Rev. Charles Spurgeon, D. D., who for so many years held a high place in the interests and affections of the Baptists of Canada. We

are pleased to note this fact because of the memory of the man and his family, whose very name has become incorporated with the Baptist Seminary of New Brunswick, and the impress of whose work and influence remains with us to this day. It is enough to say of this story that it has been favorably noticed by the National Baptist of Philadelphia, and other periodicals of our American brethren, and that the American Baptist Publication Society purchased the copyright with a view to its continued publication. It is a neat 12mo. of 240p., illustrated; price, \$1. W. E. M.

W. B. M. U.

"Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union.

The annual meeting of the W. B. M. U. was held in the Free Christian Baptist church, Yarmouth, Friday, Aug. 22, Mrs. J. W. Manning, president, in the chair. The first half-hour was spent in devotional exercises.

The names of the following were then enrolled: Mrs. Freeman, Canning, N. S.; Mrs. Smith, Milton, N. S.; Miss B. Humes, Dartmouth, N. S.; Miss E. Humes, Dartmouth, N. S.; Mrs. J. D. Harris, Wolfville, N. S.; Mrs. McLean, Wolfville, N. S.; Mrs. F. L. Jenks, Parravon, N. S.; Mrs. White, Apple River, N. S.; Mrs. Burnaby, Milton, N. S.; Miss L. D. Bancroft, Point Hill, N. S.; Mrs. J. D. Skinner, Round De Bute, N. B.; Mrs. Emerson, Dorchester, N. B.; Mrs. W. E. Hall, Sackville, N. B.; Mrs. A. H. Lavers, Sackville, N. B.; Mrs. Thomas Hall, Yarmouth, N. S.; Mrs. Ed. Hickson, Carleton, N. B.; Mrs. Rettie, Truro, N. S.; Miss Ella Rettie, Truro, N. S.; Miss Lizzie Faulkner, Truro, N. S.; Mrs. Bishop, P. E. Island; Mrs. C. H. Haverstock, Bass River; Mrs. C. H. Martell, Fairville, N. B.; Mrs. P. S. MacGregor, Hantsport, N. S.; Mrs. N. C. Rome, Yarmouth, N. S.; Miss B. C. Woodworth, St. John; Miss M. D. Stannall, Mrs. W. H. Gridley; Mrs. G. S. Marsey, Woodstock, N. B.; Mrs. N. S. Saunders, Woodstock, N. B.; Miss Annie J. Fisher, Woodstock, N. B.; Mrs. H. G. Estey, Fredericton, N. B.; Mrs. John Spurgeon, Fredericton, N. B.; Mrs. D. W. Crandall, Milton, N. S.; Miss L. D. King, Sackville, N. S.; Mrs. J. T. Eaton, Mrs. J. Alex. Christie, Amherst, N. S.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. W. H. Hall. Report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. John March, was then read and unanimously adopted. It contained a brief sketch of the work accomplished during the twenty years of the existence of the Aid societies.

The treasurer's—Mrs. Mary Smith—report was read and adopted. It shows that \$5,487.74 had been raised, and that \$4,710 had, according to the pledge given last year, been paid over to the F. M. Board; and that the surplus, together with the surplus of last year, left still in the treasurer's hands \$2,546.32.

The Provincial secretary of Nova Scotia, Miss Amy Johnston, read her report, which was unanimously adopted. The provincial secretary of New Brunswick, Mrs. Emmerson, read her report, which was unanimously adopted.

The report from P. E. I. had not come to hand.

On motion, resolved to ask Mrs. Smith, the treasurer, for a list of the societies contributing, together with their several amounts for publication.

Mrs. Archibald, returned missionary from India, was invited to a seat in the Union.

The Honré Mission report was read and adopted.

Committee on nominations was then appointed: Mrs. Martell, Mrs. T. Blackadar, Mrs. Crandall. Their report submitted and was as follows:

OFFICERS OF THE W. B. M. U.

President—Mrs. J. W. Manning, Halifax, N. S.; Vice-presidents—Mrs. Parsons, Halifax, N. S.; Mrs. G. O. Gates, St. John, N. B.; Mrs. John Clarke, P. E. Island; Treasurer—Mrs. Botsford Smith, Amherst, N. S.; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John March, St. John, N. B.; Provincial Secretaries—Miss Amy Johnston, Dartmouth, N. S.; Mrs. Emmerson, Dorchester, N. B.; Miss M. E. Davie, P. E. I. Executive Committee—First Division: Mrs. Charles Spurgeon, Mrs. Mellick, Mrs. Jessie Harding, Mrs. A. W. Sawyer, Mrs. M. M. Richards, Mrs. A. F. Randolph; Second Division: Miss H. Layton, Mrs. A. S. Murray, Miss H. Jones, Mrs. J. F. Kempton, Mrs. R. Phillips, Mrs. W. J. Stewart; Third Division: Miss Ada Hooper, Mrs. J. W. Wallace, Mrs. W. Allwood, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. James E. Masters, Mrs. C. H. Martell; Fourth Division: Mrs. M. E. Cowan, Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. M. W. Williams, Mrs. J. H. Harding, Mrs. Allison Smith, Mrs. J. F. Masters. These were unanimously elected officers of the W. B. M. U. for the following year, August, 1890-91. (To be continued.)

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THE REVELATION OF CHARACTER.

The days of the martyrs have been called "the times that tried men's souls." But this age in which we are living, although in the midst of the world's most peaceful and prosperous era, is not called to die upon the scaffold, or at the stake for the truth's sake, it is an age which tries men's souls perhaps as effectually as any other ever did. Time and events test every man and show what manner of man he is. Sooner or later his character is revealed. For a time the temptation may be wanting and the man may appear to be a man of pure life, when, at heart, he is a libertine. He may appear to be a religious man, when, in his deepest soul, he is an atheist. He may appear to be an honest man, when, in his heart, he is a thief. He may appear to be a man of peace and good will, when only the temptation was needed to prove him to be at heart a murderer. How often we hear of the fall of some man into sin and infamy who had been supposed to be virtuous and religious in character. The temptation that was needed to test him had not come. It is true, indeed, that a good man sometimes falls through the power of temptation; but rises up again through repentance and his faith in God—as David and as Peter did. But, more frequently, it is to be feared, it is otherwise. The plant withers away because it had not taken root in a deep soil, the man falls because he had no real foundation in righteousness.

But may not many a man pass through life without ever meeting with that particular form of temptation which would have revealed the essential badness of his character and doomed him to infamy? Very likely. How then is the character of such an one revealed? The answer is, a man's character is made manifest by his attitude toward goodness as well as toward evil. It is light that reveals. He who loves the light, comes to the light that it may be made manifest that his deeds are wrought in God. Christ is the great revealer of character. If a man truly loves Christ the essential soundness of his character is made manifest, if he really sees the Christ and refuses to surrender to His authority and obey His commands, in this act of attitude his character is revealed as one who does not love the light, however respectable he may appear. He who does not accept Christ chooses darkness instead of light, and therefore is condemned. He who loves Christ walks in the light and his character is made manifest as that of one who, in spite of all infirmities and failures, loves and obeys the truth.

MINISTERS' ANNUITY FUND.

This benevolent fund, like everything of the sort, has a history. Many years ago, the late Rev. James Stevens, father of the worthy son who died suddenly while pastor of the Fredericton church, wrote to one of the Baptist Associations in Nova Scotia, and urged that body to raise a fund for needy ministers and their families. This was the beginning of the movement. When the Home Mission Boards were united and placed under the control of the Convention, the various Ministerial Boards were also united and placed under the control of the same body. The new Board was located in Halifax. This is the Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund. It now has a capital of over \$3,000.

How the venerable Dr. Bill went to the late Jacob Bradshaw, and induced him to give \$1,000 for the foundation of an Annuity Fund for New Brunswick, leaving it open to be shared in by other Provinces, is still fresh in the memories of the people who take an interest in this matter. It will also be remembered, that, three years ago, a scheme was submitted to the Convention, of which it was understood the Rev. E. M. Saunders was the originator, and adopted by that body. The working out of this plan was committed to the Board of Ministerial Relief and Aid. The capital of this fund has been increased till it amounts to something over \$8,000. For two years past negotiations have been progressing quietly for an amalgamation of the two Annuity funds. This was happily brought about at the late Convention in Yarmouth. The united funds for Annuity amount to over \$18,000; and, on the authority of Dr. Saunders, it was stated at the Convention, that there are now \$15,000 in the wills of three brethren for this object.

The Convention, at the instance of

the joint-committee on union, appointed a Board to manage the united funds under the direction of the Convention. This Board was instructed to obtain an act of incorporation, and thus be prepared to take charge of the Annuity monies. On this Board are found the names of A. F. Randolph, H. C. Creed, J. W. Spurgeon, and three or four brethren in St. John. There is one for P. E. Island. The remainder are in Nova Scotia. It is the intention to locate the Board for the present at Halifax. The Ministerial Relief and Aid Board was directed to pass its funds into the hands of the new Board, after it has been incorporated. This is progress of a most satisfactory character. By and by, when the Board will be able to raise the maximum of amounts to be given ministers, their widows and children, the pastors in the Maritime Provinces, will feel more content to labor for small salaries, and give of their means, for then they will have their annuities to fall back upon in time of need. The goal results of this fund will appear in many directions. It did not come into existence one day too soon. About \$2,000 were distributed last year among the annuitants and the beneficiaries of the several funds. This amount will increase from year to year. The maximum at present is \$150 a year to each minister, \$75 to a minister's widow, and \$12.50 to each child of a widow, till the child is sixteen years old. An orphan gets \$40. Ministers are eligible all they are sixty-five years old.

IS IT "AS IT SHOULD BE"?

At the meeting of the Convention in Fredericton last year it was resolved after mature deliberation, "that thereafter the President of the Convention should be elected by ballot without nomination." At the meeting of the Convention in Yarmouth last month this resolution was, as I am informed, swept out of existence without a moment's consideration, perhaps on the ground stated in the editorial in the last MESSINGER AND VISITOR, that the Convention might confer honor upon Dr. Goodspeed. I would be just as ready to honor Dr. Goodspeed as I would to honor any other member of the Baptist denomination in the Maritime Provinces, when I could do so without doing any wrong to the denomination. The resolution referred to was passed after due notice and discussion, in which the reasons for offering it were freely given, and by an almost unanimous vote accepted. I could if it were necessary restate the reasons that were urged and accepted for passing the resolution, but I will say that one was the very general discontent at the way in which the President had been before selected.

The general complaint in the Baptist denomination of the Maritime Provinces was, and is, that the Convention is dominated by an irresponsible self-constituted oligarchy, and this complaint comes from ministers as well as laymen. I have heard some of our very best ministers affirm this. I heard one say that the number of ministers who controlled the Convention could be counted on these, at the same time holding up his hands with the fingers open, and I heard another say that that was an over-estimate, as the number was about seven. To have a President selected by a committee not appointed by the Convention, I cannot think does him any honor. It may be said that the Convention ratifies the choice by its vote when passing the report of the committee. It must be evident to every one that the moving an amendment to that report would lead to almost endless confusion, and to say that the Convention has, to acquiesce in very many instances in what it does not approve. The Baptists claim that all the bodies connected with the denomination are purely democratic; but if it is not so, let us have a Pope and Cardinals, and not claim to be what we are not.

CHAR. E. KNAPP.

We are quite willing to submit the above letter to the good sense and intelligence of the readers of the MESSINGER AND VISITOR, for we think that a correspondent who criticizes the Convention and its doings over his own name, has a much larger claim to be heard than one who offers his strictures anonymously.

Perhaps Bro. Knapp does not mean to intimate that our editorial stated or carried the implication that the resolution of last year was rescinded and the nominating committee appointed in order that Dr. Goodspeed might be made president. But if he does not mean this, he certainly owes it to us to be more careful in his use of words. The editor did not say or intend saying that there was any such intention. Moreover, so far as we know, there was no such thought in anybody's mind. Bro. Knapp is rather wide of the mark, too, in saying that the resolution to elect by ballot "was swept out of existence without a moment's consideration." The motion to rescind was presented at a full meeting of the Convention where there was no lack of opportunity for discussion. The reason advanced for the change—and there is not the slightest ground so far as we know to suppose it was not the real and only reason—was the desire to economize time and avoid the unnecessary and perhaps interminable delay involved in electing a president by ballot.

Whether the action of the Convention in

this matter was wise or not we do not feel called upon to pronounce. We are free to confess that it does not seem to us to be a very dignified or consistent thing for the Convention, after due deliberation, to place on its records a resolution at one session and then rescind the same as the first act of the next session. But perhaps the Convention is so great that it can afford not to care very much about consistency, or perhaps it deemed it of less importance to be consistent than to be right. However this may be, the motion to rescind evidently received all the "consideration" the Convention thought it demanded, as it was adopted by a vote almost if not entirely unanimous.

The latter part of Bro. K.'s letter we beg to commend particularly to the consideration of the brethren, both lay and clerical. It seems quite dreadful to be told that our beloved Convention "is dominated by an irresponsible and self-constituted oligarchy." Nothing clearer could be made worse than that. And now, if that good brother who knows well what stands up and name those seven ministers who compose this dreadful "oligarchy," it will be in order for the rest of us, who are being ground down under their relentless heels, to get together and see what can be done to deliver the Convention from the power of the tyrants.—Ed.

To the Editor of MESSINGER AND VISITOR.

In the last number of your paper I find the following question:

Would the act of a baptized believer, communicating with Pedobaptists, be tantamount to sprinkling as a right mode of baptism?

To which you reply:

Yes, most certainly, as the relation of the two churches is generally held by the Christian churches. And this is precisely what Pedobaptists demand of all who communicate with them. And this is just why Pedobaptists are anxious to communicate with Baptists; that by this way they may capture the endorsement of Baptists to their doubtful methods.

Without the intention of entering into a controversy, I make bold to ask what ground there is for the statement that Pedobaptists demand of all who communicate with them an endorsement of sprinkling as a right mode of baptism, and also what evidence you have to support your imputation of the motive attributed to Pedobaptists for their alleged anxiety to communicate with Baptists. In the Pedobaptist denomination with which I am best acquainted, the largest Protestant church in Canada, it is usual to invite to the communion service all who love the Lord, and I have not seen any reason for supposing that the invitation is made in bad faith, nor have I heard in this Pedobaptist church at any time such a demand as you mention. The particular church of which I speak welcomes Baptists and Free Baptists to its communion service without asking, receiving, or expecting from them an endorsement of sprinkling. Some, if not all, Pedobaptists ostensibly support what is called open communion from a desire that all Christian people should be free to commune together in spite of disagreements as to ritual. If under cover of this motive they are really seeking an endorsement of doubtful methods, they are individually and as a class guilty of discreditable plotting. I for one should be sorry to believe that such a conspiracy exists, and that it embraces all the denominations in this country except one.

Aug. 23. PEDOBAPTIST.

We have no controversy with those who differ with us. We claim the privilege of answering as best we can the questions of our own people. "Pedobaptist" ought to find it easy to discover the ground of the statement he challenges. Baptists, in common with other Christian bodies, hold that baptism is properly antecedent to communion. Pedobaptists hold that the sprinkling of a believer, or an unconscious babe, is baptism; and a proper antecedent of communion. They also hold that the immersion of a believer is scriptural baptism. Baptists hold that the latter only is baptism. The invitation to communion given by Pedobaptists is based upon, and carries with it the idea of sprinkling as a proper mode and an infant as a proper subject of baptism, and consequently that such baptism is a proper antecedent to communion. They who accept this invitation can only do so by endorsing the idea carried in the invitation. This is the broadest invitation Pedobaptists can give consistently, and by its conditions Baptists are shut out.

To the second question of our brother, "Pedobaptist," as to motive, we would call his attention to the fact that the position of the Baptists on this question is well known to their Pedobaptist brethren. The invitation they extend to Baptists cannot therefore be given intelligently and in good faith. If in any case they succeed they capture an endorsement of sprinkling as a proper mode of baptism; and they have been known to boast of their success in this line. It is doubtless true that "Pedobaptist" has not seen the question in this light; nor has he heard such a demand of endorsement as we mention, but evidently the demand and the expectation are there just the same.

The real desire for intercommunion among Pedobaptist churches is not as

extensive as our friend "Pedobaptist" suggests. We think very few of them either desire or practice open communion. True, as "Pedobaptist" says, the ostensible purpose of open communion is that all Christian people should be free to commune together, etc. But we ask "free" from what? For there is a "from" as well as a "to" in being free. And, moreover, the character and worth of our freedom depends as much upon the character of the "from," as the "to." If what Baptists believe on this subject is true, they already enjoy the most unbounded freedom, for the truth alone makes free. The freedom attempted for all Christians by our Pedobaptist brethren, however well intended, may after all be of a very doubtful character. We believe that it is the desire of the Baptist brotherhood that all believers may come to the enjoyment of the fullest fellowship and freedom consistent with New Testament teaching.

The Bird of the Air.

It is not the ambitious minister, but the indolent one we have need to be afraid of. God watches His servants who are brilliant. They must "trade with their talents" as other men. Don't be afraid of their being spoiled. The same God who gave them "gifts" will also give them "grace and glory." Instances innumerable, from Paul to Spurgeon.

There is a great deal of nonsense talked about "burning the midnight oil." The Bible is the most interesting book in the world, and there is not a drop of midnight oil in it—except in the parable of the ten virgins. It is unwise to want to do all our literary work. Go to bed!

Quit the midnight work—midnight oil, midnight oil, and midnight business generally, and let some daylight into us all!

The rain pours down. Bad for the hay, but good for the potatoes and the pastures, and the goings and the wash-clothes. If it never rained, where would we baptize? Thank God for rain and storm, "filling the furrows," although it may disfigure your royal highness.

The foregoing bits of sentences I caught from others of the kind, as the master ruminated on the Bay of Fundy. I can't catch them all. He flies off from one thing to another so, I can hardly catch up. Besides it is such a bother, I can't tell everything. Why, your paper would be full, if I reported all his thoughts. He's chuck full of them, and he thinks they are too important to be lost. Pish! I only reported about one-tenth of Solomon's wisdom and poetry. The next fellow would have no chance, if one man told us everything.

When he starts off again in a really refreshing way—style is everything you know—I'll catch it if I can. In the meantime, I must have a little gossip of my own. Here we are! Convention has come at last. I just do not know the folks at our ladies have set their houses in order, not to die—but to live, and to help us all to live. Our tidies are on the chairs, the shams on the pillows, indicative of the sort of sleep delegates are to expect; everything is in apple order, applesies and all. Now if we don't have a good time, I suppose that's what we came for. Puddings and cakes, and meats and coffee, and tea—how they will disappear! And we who have to work—must eat.

It appears to me that the folks at our house are the real heads of things, and I feel important from the mere fact of being with them. Indeed, like the fly on the wheel, I don't see how they could get along without me. And our resolution was lost! After all our canvassing, and eloquent speeches, and being in the right too, we lost it! Can there be two sides to anything? Can it be that we don't control things? Is it possible that God was on their side, and on ours too? 'I'm mad.

I sit on one of the brackets in the House Beautiful, where the Baptists are gathered, and listen. Many speakers, each eager to say his say. An over-wrought tone caught my ear; a quieter more persuasive manner would become these subjects. There is nothing specially endangered. But perhaps ginger-beer must be forewarned. Those fellows who use the logometer, who sort their words, and keep cool, have the real ear of the Body. The number of devoted ones, of those who stick to business, increases from year to year. There are still some whom I follow round, who smile, and eat the puddings, and doze every once in a while, and never get into the Convention waters more than ankle-deep. But there are more than "the sacred dozen" now. The "gings" I used to hear about are like the old rings made by clapping hands, the fresh ones taken in make the circle wider. Yet, after all, those who put their strength into a thing are the rulers thereof.

The whole thing is wound up to go so many hours, and a certain degree of intensity is kept up. Nothing but a business air is blowing; no soft, gentle airs. Nothing reminding these Christians of the garden of spices. I wonder why a

wave of tenderness did not roll over them when the obits of twelve captains of Israel were read? I was expecting to see a few tears—and to hear, as I hear in other assemblies, a verse or two sung:

"Let those below in concert sing, With those to glory gone, For all the servants of our King In earth and heaven are one."

"O Saviour, be our constant Guide, Then when the word is given, Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, And land us safe in heaven."

'Tears to me, if I were a delegate, I would, in some way, introduce a little holy sentimentality, and not allow the great, hard denominational machine to roll over the memory of those erstwhile members as if these were only so many sheets of paper. S.

From Yokohama, Japan.

It is some years since you have heard from me. I have had it in mind to contribute a few letters to the MESSINGER AND VISITOR concerning Japan, and missionary matters here, but am not able to begin them just yet. I write now to enclose an appeal for reinforcements, which has been sent to the several organs of our denomination in the States, and which may not be without interest to Canadian Baptists also. Though you have your own Telugu mission, calling so loudly for new workers, you must not forget us in Japan. Sympathy and prayer at least you can spare us, not loving the Telugus less in loving us more. If the Lord of the harvest sees fit, through this appeal, to call some young men from among the Baptists of Canada for His work in Japan, who shall say Him nay?

Our little colony of Canadian Baptist missionaries now in Japan—three families—continue in health and strength. We would be glad to welcome as many fellow-countrymen into the work as are able to come. This would seem to be Canada's natural mission field. The climate, varying from cold temperate to semi-tropical, is better suited to those accustomed to Canadian rigors, than that of any other Asiatic mission field, except North China. In Yokohama, in August—the dog-days—the thermometer ranges during the day from 80° to 90°, with cool nights ordinarily.

The heat, it is true, is more trying than those figures indicate, but the summer is brief, and the spring and fall are delightful, while the winters are cold enough even for a Canadian. Then Canada and Japan are next door neighbors, with a cheap and easy journey between. With fast steamers between Yokohama and Vancouver, we will be almost within hand-shaking distance. We hardly feel that we are abroad at all.

The recent action of the A. B. M. U., in reducing the salary of those who enter the missionary work hereafter, during the first ten years of service, by \$200 a year, is a new reason for young men from the provinces to enlist. The average man-and-his-wife from the States, is not going to tie both ends snugly and safely together on \$800 a year, in Japan. The standard of comfort is too high, and the standard of thrift is too low, in the States. When the Lord's tent, the expenses of sickness, summer vacation expenses, a life insurance policy, etc., have been provided for, the missionary and his wife accustomed to U. S. living, will need to practice what will be to them harassing and perilous economy, to get both ends within smiling distance.

But the Canadian has few and simple wants. He is used to plain living—let us hope, to high thinking; and his wife, if he has been wise and gone a-wooing north of the line, has been brought up to "look well to the ways of her household." Trained to plain and thrifty ways, they will live here, even under the new schedule, in health and comfort. There is a great work laid upon our denomination in Japan, let the Baptists of Canada not grudge their sons and daughters to it, nor Him in whose name it is to be done. CHAS. HARRINGTON.

Aug. 8.

[Very glad to hear from Bro. H. and the work in Japan, and will endeavor to find place for the "appeal" or the substance of it in next issue.—Ed.]

Notes from P. E. Island.

By the kindness of my churches, myself and family have been enjoying three weeks rest and change among our friends on P. E. Island. At Bedeque we noted the changes of nine years (most of them of a pleasing character) since our agreeable pastorate closed with that kind people. We were glad to hear all hands speak so well of their present pastor, Bro. Cahill, and to find them so ready to record his efforts for the advancement of God's cause. Our visit at North River was all too short. We closed a five years' pastorate there in June, 1870. We missed the dear honored deacons, Warren and McKinlay, gone on to the home we spake of so often. Yes, and most of the brothers and sisters of that day have gone with them. In no place has time made greater changes. But there stands the church in such fine condition which 22 years ago those brethren helped us to build, and in which the first Baptist Association on P. E. I. was held. Many large hearted and noble brethren have been, by God's

grace, added to those remaining, since those good old days of our ministry; and are now carrying on the Lord's work with their devoted pastor.

We found the Alexandria, Uigg, and Belfast pastorate vacant. These brethren are earnestly desiring the Lord to send them a man of His own choice. In Belfast we were rejoiced to mark how our cause has grown in a period of 20 years. We met a fine audience in Uigg in their neat and commodious new church. It was my happy lot to be entertained at the home of the much-honored and late Rev. S. McLeod. His beloved widow, now more than four score, gladdens the family with the sunshine of her cheerful, hopeful, active piety as in former days.

At Alexandria we noted the many changes for the better. The church has grown three fold since we laid down our charge there. They greatly need a new and central house for worship. A parsonage is much needed at Uigg for the whole field. United action by each section will speedily accomplish the good work.

The material prosperity is most marked in every settlement. Where were forests and wild land and poor buildings 25 years ago, are now seen waving acres of wheat and oats and barley, and splendid houses and barns and convenient machinery for all kinds of farm toil. This is God's blessing on industry and temperance and religion. Christ's religion rightly understood and lived is the mother of every good thing. And may her homage receive the loyal, intelligent homage of all the people. E. N. ARCHIBALD.

A Farewell Service.

The congregation of the West End, or Carleton, Baptist church assembled last Wednesday evening for the purpose of meeting Dr. Goodspeed at a farewell service, in view of his early departure for Toronto to assume the important duties to which he has been called in connection with McMaster University. The Rev. Edward Hickson and Rev. A. E. Ingraham took part in the opening exercises. Rev. Mr. Ford, the pastor, then briefly explained the object of the meeting. There were short addresses from brethren J. H. Saunders, G. O. Gates, G. A. Hartley and S. McC. Black, all of whom testified warmly to their high appreciation of Dr. Goodspeed and the work which he had done for the denomination and the cause of Christianity during all the years in which he had been laboring here, and in all the departments of work with which he had been associated. After the speeches came an address, read by Deacon John McKinnon on behalf of the church, expressing its high appreciation of Dr. Goodspeed and the valuable services which he had rendered as an active and faithful member of the body, and also the church's deep sense of loss at his departure. This address was signed by the deacons of the church. Then Pastor Ford stepped forward and presented Dr. Goodspeed with a gold-headed ebony cane bearing the inscription:

PRESENTED TO REV. C. GOODSPEED, D. D., BY THE CARLETON BAPTIST CHURCH.

A solid gold thimble was also presented as a token of regard for Mrs. Goodspeed.

In the course of a few well chosen remarks, Mr. Ford said he hoped the day would be far distant when physical infirmity would cause the cane to have any great value to its possessor. He suggested, however, that it might have a possible utility for keeping wayward theologians in subjection. Dr. Goodspeed's reply was in fitting terms. Though it was for him a rather trying experience to sit and hear himself talked about, he thanked the brethren for the kind words they had spoken. He recognized the value of kind words and felt that it was well always to speak kindly when possible. He was glad that such service as he had been able to render to the church had been appreciated, and he only regretted that he had not been able to make the service greater. In going to his new work in Toronto his confidence was in his belief that if the Lord had a work for him to do there He would give him strength for its performance.

After prayer by Rev. E. J. Grant, the meeting was dismissed; after which a number of the friends being, invited to descend to the basement, were regaled with ice cream and cake, very kindly provided by the ladies.

Personal.

Bro. G. J. Coulter White is about entering upon a course of theological study at Newton.

Rev. O. N. Keith, of Underhill, Northumberland Co., lately spent a short vacation in New England, visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Greene. Bro. Keith enjoyed his visit and the people enjoyed his good sermons.

We are informed that the health of our esteemed brother, Rev. I. J. Skinner, is somewhat improved, though not sufficiently to enable him to undertake any work at present. Bro. Skinner is now visiting relatives in Western Cornwallis, and wishes his friends informed that his address for the present is Berwick, N. S. We hope that our brother's health may be speedily restored.

Home Missions.

BOARD MEETING.

The meeting for September, on Monday, the 1st.

OFFICERS Elected.

A. C. Robbins, Esq., Doty, vice-chairman; secy. and treasurer; and rec. secy. Auditors—Bro. R. K. Rose, E. G.

REPORT.

were received from Bro. lace, Greenwick, Cum. lace, Florenceville, Tracadie; W. S. Blackmond, and P. D. Nowell.

GRANT.

1. To Linzburgh for one year, from Jan. J. S. Brown, pastor.

2. To Tobique and Victoria Co., N. B., from Aug. 1, 1890. Rev. missionary.

APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. J. W. S. Young, for six months.

REMARKS.

The general mission are under the direction are not at liberty to be invited without their consent for their labors should the Cor. Secretary and arise themselves.

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Foreign Missions.

The annual meeting Mission Board was held the MESSINGER AND VISITOR, Sept. 3rd. We come the new members.

Crawley, of Fredericton, Grant, of Sussex, and others, of MESSINGER AND VISITOR.

The officers elected for T. S. Simms, president; vice-president; Bro. urer; Rev. W. J. Shaw.

The Board instructs request Rev. J. W. M. for a farewell meeting.

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Religious News.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY.—Eight members into the fellowship of 31st—six by baptism.

PORT CLYDE, Shelburne, Aug. 17th. Baptized 17.

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Home Missions.

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OFFICERS ELECTED. A. C. Robbins, Esq., chairman; W. R. Doty, vice-chairman; A. Colborn, cor. secy. and treasurer; and Rev. I. E. Bill, rec. secy. Auditors—Rev. F. H. Beals and R. K. Rose, E-q.

REPORTS. were received from Brethren B. H. Bentley, Greenwich, Cum. Co.; W. B. Wallace, Florenceville; Mark Thompson, Tracadie; W. S. Black, Hogion and Richmond, and P. D. Nowlan, Mascarene.

GRANTS. 1. To Lunenburg Town church, \$200 for one year, from June 1st, 1890. Rev. J. S. Brown, pastor. 2. To Tobique and St. Leonards, etc., Victoria Co., N. B., \$200 for one year, from Aug. 1, 1890. Rev. C. Henderson, missionary.

APPOINTMENT. Rev. J. W. S. Young, general missionary for six months.

REMARKS. The general missionaries of the Board are under the direction of the Board, and are not at liberty to go where they are invited without its consent. Applications for their labors should be sent direct to the Cor. Secretary and not to the missionaries themselves.

A. Colborn, Cor. Secy. Hebron, N. S., Sept. 3.

Foreign Missions.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board was held in the office of the Messenger and Visitor, on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. We were glad to welcome the new members: Rev. F. D. Crawley, of Fredericton; Rev. E. H. Saunders, of Massenaux and Visitor.

The officers elect for the year are: Bro. T. S. Simms, president; Bro. C. P. Baker, vice-president; Bro. John March, treasurer; Rev. W. J. Stewart, secretary. The Board instructed the secretary to request Rev. J. W. Manning to arrange for a farewell meeting in Halifax for Bro. Shaw before he sails for India. Rev. B. H. Thomas' application for appointment on the staff was favorably received, and Bro. Thomas was requested to take a theological course of study before going out. Earnest prayers were offered at the meeting that the year we now enter on may be one of prosperity in our Foreign Mission work.

W. J. Stewart, Secy.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

SCHEX.—Eight more were received into the fellowship of this church Aug. 31st—six by baptism and two on experience. E. J. G.

PORT CLYDE, Shelburne Co., N. S.—On Aug. 17th I baptized two into the fellowship of the Port Clyde Baptist church. We trust that we shall be able to report others before long. T. M. MUNRO.

GUYSBORO, N. S.—A quiet work of grace is in progress in a section of the Manchester church. Administered the ordinance of believers' baptism to two candidates last Sabbath. The promoters of the man-made ordinance of infant sprinkling are quite paralyzed. God's truth is triumphant. It is indeed its own vindicator. WILLARD P. ANDERSON. Sept. 2.

HARLEM, Digby Co.—Some of the brethren met at the house of Bro. Wm. Weaver's early in the week, to take into consideration the advisability of building a Baptist meeting house at Harlem, Digby Co. (it being a section of Bro. Rowe's field). The matter was discussed and passed unanimously, that a house was very much needed. Bro. Ezra Barr, who is one of the building committee, and who has given the building spot, intends to push the work forward as fast as possible. Will the churches who promised to take collections to aid in building this little church kindly do so, at earliest convenience. Please forward all contributions to Rev. J. Rowe, Weymouth, N. S.

MANTOBA.—Bro. Whitman, writing from Emerson, Manitoba, and speaking of the needs of the country, says that in addition to more money and a few more good, live eastern men as pastors, "we need just now particularly a specialist on educational matters. Twenty-eight young men are seeking preparation for the ministry, and we have no place to train them at home, and to go abroad is expensive and a risk of losing them. We need a college, begun at least, at once. Our work is prospering wonderfully considering all things. Our people are united, earnest and liberal; but we are only a handful in comparison with the vast country we occupy. The coming year will be one of the most progressive seasons the country has had. The crop now about harvested is a very large one and with the high prices likely to prevail we shall have very prosperous times, which is sure to attract larger immigration. Our little church at Emerson is prospering under the care of Bro. H. H. Hall. A week ago Sunday baptized three generations—an old lady, her daughter and granddaughter."

HILLSBORO, Albert Co.—A few Sundays ago Mr. and Mrs. Snelling were baptized into the fellowship of the 1st Hillsboro Baptist church, Rev. S. W. Keirstead administering the ordinance, the writer having met with an accident which prevented him from baptizing. Mr. and Mrs. Snelling were stationed as officers in connection with the Salvation Army in Hillsboro when the decision was reached which compelled them to resign their position in the army, and seek baptism in its scriptural form. After Mr. S. decided to seek baptism and connection with a Baptist church, I had several talks with him, and believe him to be an honest, earnest Christian. He is anxious to work for Christ in connection with our

denomination. He has had some five years' experience as an evangelist in the Church Army before uniting with the Salvation Army. The struggles through which he passed before he yielded himself to the claims of Christ in the ordinance of baptism, and the sweet peace he felt, after he said, "Lord, Thy will be done," he told our people the evening after his baptism. I recommend him to the Home Mission Board, and to any church that needs an earnest worker. He tells me he is willing to undergo the denomination would have him do that he is prepared to endure hardships for Christ's sake. He is very anxious to get some work to do for Christ at once. He has applied to our church for a license to preach the gospel, which request will be presented to the people at the next conference. He is now resting and awaiting some opening for service. His address is—W. A. Snelling, Cross Roads, Country Harbor, Guysboro Co., N. S. I believe this brother and his wife will be very useful in working for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. — W. CAMP.

CLEMENTS VALE, Albert Co.—Since the first of August we have been laboring for the Lord in this section of His vineyard, and have found the people very kind and sympathetic, but somewhat discouraged. Satan has greatly exerted himself on this field, and we are to say, has caused some to fall back and come no more up to the help of the Lord; but in many cases he has been completely foiled, and the elect stand firmer than ever. When I came to the field the people were being ministered unto in holy things by Rev. H. Achilles, of Parker's Cove, who had then been laboring with them with acceptance as a supply for about nine months; but feeling that his health would not allow him to take charge of the church, he would consent to remain only so long as they had no settled pastor. Obedient to the direction of the Master (as I believe), and in agreement with the wish of the people, I have decided to remain with them for at least one year (D. V.). With the eye of faith we see "light ahead," and we know that if pastor and people will work together with the one motive, glory to God, in their hearts, ere long sons and daughters will be born into the kingdom and God's people will rejoice in a new baptism of His Holy Spirit. Pray for us, brethren, that such may be the result of our work. C. R. MATYARD.

BLACK ROCK, Cornwells, N. S.—I have been resting here quietly for the past week, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace. One object in my coming may be seen in the enclosed marriage notice. This young couple enter upon their married life under very pleasant and happy auspices. They have the best wishes of a host of friends. I found the retirement from active work during the week needful and beneficial. As this was the scene of former labors, it was truly refreshing to renew many valuable acquaintances. We enjoyed the hospitality of our esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawding, to whom we will always feel grateful. During my stay at the Bay Shore, we made several calls upon the sick. The friends of Capt. Charles E. Eaton will be glad to hear that his health is returning. We had a pleasant cottage meeting at his house on Saturday evening, in which a young woman offered herself for baptism. Yesterday morning I had the pleasure of baptizing her into the fellowship of the Cambridge Baptist church. Fourteen years ago I baptized her husband. We had three services yesterday, all largely attended, at Black Rock, Gratton and Cambridge. The church is now looking for a pastor. Their late minister, Rev. Mr. Porter, held a large place in the affections of the people, and the coming man will find an inviting field. ISA. WALLACE. Sept. 1.

SHELDON.—I spent the last Sunday of August with the Baptist church at Sheldon, N. B., where Bro. H. F. Waring, lic., spent his summer vacation. On Saturday evening about thirty brethren and sisters met in conference, and after many had spoken of God's goodness and grace, two young women were received for church membership after baptism. They were baptized on Sunday morning in the presence of a large and thoughtful number of people. Bro. Waring has done faithful work on that field and is highly respected by the people and beloved by the church for his works sake. The two young sisters baptized are among the first fruits of his gospel ministry. He leaves now for Rochester, where he hopes to take the full theological course. A few months ago we were glad to hear of a large number of students being sent out under the auspices of the H. M. B. to preach in the vacant churches and mission fields. Many of the young men have done good work, churches have been revived and souls saved, but the time has come only too soon, in many cases, when they must return to the institutions of learning to pursue their studies. It is best that they should be what is to become of our little churches? As we look over the vacant mission fields within the bounds of the Convention the words of our Lord come to us very forcibly. "Say not ye: There are four months and then cometh harvest, behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." C. H. MARTELL.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Our congregations are very good. Social meetings are exceedingly interesting. One married lady has been recently baptized. Our new church building is rapidly pushing towards completion. When finished it will be chaste, attractive and convenient, and at a very moderate cost. So far we have been able to meet each instalment as it matured, and promptly pay the interest on the old debt. Our burdens are so heavy that it is hard for us to prophesy what the end may be, but by the grace of God we are determined that if we go under we will do so in an honest struggle to float, and be of service to the cause of God and to the denomination of which we form a part. This little church, with about 150 valuable members, has during the year paid over \$5,000 on building and current expenses and over \$300 for denominational objects, as well as over \$100 for hospital and relief of the poor. It is noteworthy that there is not a single church building that has been erected on 150 valuable members during the last 50 years, so far as I know, with one solitary exception, but which Charlottetown contributed toward, and to a large degree the same is true of important interests and institutions of the

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other provinces. If now in this day of our struggle and consuming need, a proportion of this was returned, we would soon be free and in a position to do good work for the Master. We have good congregations, a splendid constituency, a loyal, willing church and good standing in the city. If the promises and encouragements by Associations and individuals would only materialize, all would be well with us. We sincerely thank those who have so kindly helped us and earnestly ask others not to forget us. J. A. GORDON.

RICHMOND, Carleton Co., N. B.—I have been spending my vacation with the South Richmond and the Richmond and Hodgdon churches, and an pleasure to report that the blessing of God has rested upon our efforts for Zion here. One of my first duties on my arrival in this place was to minister to the dying wants of one of the most prominent members of the Richmond and Hodgdon churches, brother Albert Turner. The loss of this beloved brother and the death of another, removal, and the coldness and backsliding on the part of others, together with the lack of any additions to the church for several years, had cast a spirit of gloom and discouragement over the church. But these unfavorable aspects only proved the "darkness before the dawn" of better things. I commenced special meetings early in July and for seven weeks the work went on slowly but surely, the usual order being observed, viz.: the slow were quickened, backsliders reclaimed and all were strengthened, while sinners were converted to God. After the work had been in progress for nearly four weeks, Rev. G. W. Sprinzer, providently sent, paid us a visit, remaining half a week. His presence, earnest words and stirring memories of his experience with the church thirty-five years ago, when he, as pastor, witnessed a large gathering of souls, gave a great impetus to the work. After his departure, Rev. James Porter, of Canterbury church, came to our assistance and we labored on for nearly three weeks. As a result in figures—eternity alone will measure the whole result—thirteen were baptized by our brother in a lake beautifully adapted for the purpose. One brother was restored to fellowship, his wife being among the new baptisms. Others have found Christ and are waiting a while, when, I trust, they will yield themselves, fully obedient, to their Master. I may also add that among those baptized were two of Catholic, two of Episcopalian, and two of Presbyterian parentage. Although the special meetings were all held at the Richmond and Hodgdon churches, the South Richmond church also shared in the blessing, receiving three of those baptized. And now I must leave this interesting work, these pleasant associations, these memories of my experience with the church, for the purpose of returning to Newton Centre to my studies, praying that heaven's choicest blessings may rest upon this people and their future pastors, whenever they may be. Those churches are considering the advisability of extending a call to Rev. James Porter, who has already won golden opinions for himself, and a large place in the hearts of the people. W. S. BLACK. Aug. 25.

GERMAN STREET.—Three persons, recommended by letter, were welcomed by the pastor on Sunday evening last into the fellowship of the church.

Marriages.

HAYSTACK—THOMAS.—At Hammond Plains, July 30, by Rev. E. N. Archibald, Jas. Haystack to Emma Thomas, both of Hammond Plains.

RICHARDS-STEWART.—In the Baptist church, St. John (West), August 6, by Rev. J. A. Ford, J. R. Richards, to Mattie M. Stewart, all of Carleton.

GRAY-KREMER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mount Pleasant, Dartmouth, Sept. 2, by Rev. C. W. Williams, J. Harry Gray, to Jennie M. Keeler.

McCOMBIE-WEATHERS.—At Lower Village, Truro, Aug. 25, by Rev. M. W. Brown, Marshall McCombie, to Elizabeth Weathers, both of Lower Village, Truro.

PHILLIPS-HIBBERT.—At Hebron, Aug. 25, by Rev. F. H. Beals, assisted by Rev. J. Smith, G. W. Phillips, of Hebron, to Florence M. Hibbert, of Eureka, Humboldt Co., California.

WITTE-GOOD.—At the residence of the bride's father, Aug. 25, by Rev. Isa. Wallace, A. M., Allen White, first officer of the barque Athalia, to Mary, eldest daughter of Capt. Wm. Gould, all of Canada Creek, Cornwallis, N. S.

Deaths.

McBAIN.—At Meagher's Grant, Aug. 15, Susan Jane, aged 29 years, beloved wife of Arnold McBain, leaving a husband and two children to mourn their loss. Sister McBain was a member of the Musquodobit Baptist church. Her Christian life was beautiful and her kind genial spirit won the respect and esteem of all who knew her. During her last moments she gave positive assurance of glimpses of the coming glory. Her death was peaceful and happy. May the Lord sustain the bereaved husband and children. BERRY.—At Clements Vale, A. Co., N. S., of consumption, Charles E. Berry, in the 37th year of his age, leaving a wife and five children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. A few years ago he left a life of sin and stood a firm and valiant soldier for Christ, and when disease took hold upon him and he was told that death was near, he calmly rested upon the Saviour's arm with the confident hope that for him to die was gain, and that God would be "a father to the fatherless and a judge of the widows" to those who were left behind.

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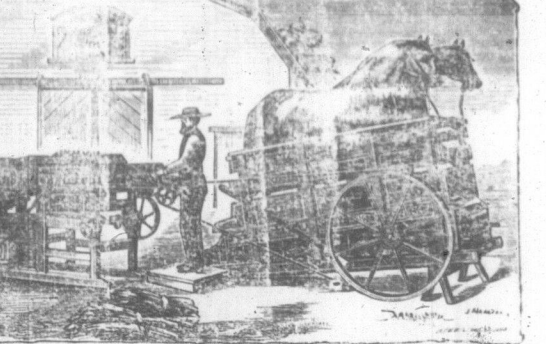
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News Summary.

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— Cable advices report a rise of 12 per cent. in tea.

— There is talk of another summer hotel at St. Andrews, to be located near Hotel St. Point.

— The Nova Scotia steel works has declared a dividend of 10 per cent. on last year's business.

— An English syndicate is buying up choice town lots in British Columbia to keep them for five years for sale.

— The Springhill mines are again in full blast, and coal is being rapidly forwarded by the I. C. R. and Farnboro railways.

— The report of a fall session of the Quebec legislature is confirmed as *L'Electeur* announced yesterday that the house is called for 14th November.

— The name of the New Brunswick railway was changed on Monday, and it is now known as the New Brunswick Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

— According to the secretary of the National Cranberry Association, the cranberry crop will be 20 per cent. larger this year than in 1889. The crop last year amounted to 135,000 bushels.

— Work will soon be commenced on a new railroad—the Nova Scotia Midland, which will run to New Glasgow, branching off at Hopewell. Most of the capital for the undertaking has been raised in New York.

— The Terminal City Company has now about 60 men at work on the streets. Work will commence Monday surveying and laying the railroad from Mulgrave to the terminus, and it is expected that grading will commence shortly.

— The Canadian export lumber trade has been seriously affected by the revolutionary war in South America, only five vessels have gone from Montreal this year up to the present date, in comparison with twenty-five last year.

— The population of the Dominion of Canada, according to the census of 1881, was 4,324,800, and it is estimated that by 1891 the figures will have increased to 5,270,377. Preparations are in active progress for taking the census of next year.

— A new industry is shortly to be started at Annapolis in the evaporating of fruit, etc. Buildings owned by the Acadia Steamship Company are now being fitted up for the business. It will be a branch of an extensive Chicago establishment, and will employ about sixty hands.

— During the month of August the exports from the port of St. John exceeded the imports by over \$187,000. Among the articles exported were the following: Lumber, \$14,192; ice, \$25,598; horses, \$4,297; mutton, \$2,398; berries, \$2,445; cotton and woolen goods to West Indies, \$15,129, and spilling, \$8,738.

— The pyrites mine, at St. Stephen, promises now to be one of the most important of the province. The most sanguine of the prospectors had supposed. Latest advices place the value of the best specimens at about \$20 per ton at the mine. If even half this can be realized it will probably pay to work it. Mr. C. H. Spurgeon is said to have refused \$30,000 for his lease.

— At a meeting of the shareholders of the Spee Ship Company held on the 25th ult., at Wilnot, it was decided to at once proceed with the erection of a building to be used as a bottling shop, the dimensions of which are to be 112 feet long by 32 feet wide, with a post 10 feet high. Measures were also taken to have the manufactures of the various waters represented at the St. John exhibition. A large number of shareholders were in attendance.

— The iron steamship *Uluda*, of the Furness line, which sailed from St. John, N. B., at 9 p. m., on Tuesday, was lost in Halifax and London, ran ashore at 11 o'clock the same night at Cow Lodge, entrance of Grand Passage, Brier Island, and has become a total wreck. The *Uluda* was a sister ship of the *Damaris*, now on passage from London to Halifax, was 1,161 tons net, and 1,710 tons gross, 200 horse power, built in Glasgow in 1885, and valued at about \$125,000. She had four passengers. Her cargo consisted of 563 cases lobster, 1 bale raw furs, and 39 bundles old metal.

— Two C. F. R. cars are now on their way east from New Brunswick, B. C., with three "sticks" of lumber for the Montreal harbor commissioners, 36 inches by 36 inches square and 60 feet long, each stick containing 6,480 superficial feet, the three sticks making a double carload of about 20,000 feet, or 60,000 pounds weight. These sticks are perfectly square, edged and free from knots, or defects of any kind whatever from end to end, and in point of length, size and quality are considered the finest specimens of timber ever shipped from any mill in any country.

— Harvesting is now about over in Manitoba and the North west although the weather has been unpropitious. As to the yield, barley will average 40 bushels to the acre, oats 65, wheat 25. These figures are certainly within the mark. The total wheat yield, assuming that it will be raised without accident, will, beyond doubt, amount to more than eighteen millions of bushels. Mr. Joseph Macdonald, representing the Chicago Board of Trade, has just completed a tour of the province, and he states that the yield will be twenty millions. The root and vegetable crop is enormous.

— On Saturday last, during the high tides at Tidnish culvert, there was an extraordinary close call from being an accident, in which a number of lives would have been lost. The ship railway runs across the Tidnish river at the point named, and a large filling is being made and a large culvert erected. The channel has been cut and almost completely excavated to run under the culvert, which is located on what was formerly the land. What a number of Italians and a horse were employed excavating in the bed of the artificial river, the banks at the upper end suddenly gave way, the water swept down like a deluge, and two or three of the men were caught by the rush of water and had narrow escapes. One man's escape was so close that he was only saved by hanging to the tail of the horse as it climbed up the bank.

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