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PROGRAMME of subjects for meetings during the Week of Prayer, January 3rd to 10th, is being issued by the Evangelical Alliance. Copies can be had by applying to H. Theakston, Y. M. C. A., Halifax, N. S.

THE Chicago Standard's New York correspondent says: "Rev. J. F. Avery, who holds the fort at Mariners' Temple like a brave soldier, makes his yearly appeal to the people. No man deserves more generous help than Mr. Avery. His field is too well known to need description. It is only the heroic, consecrated soul that can sow and reap it."

THE last issue of our highly-esteemed exchange, the Watchman, of Boston, comes to us printed throughout on a beautiful new type. It has also a new press—"one of the finest which can be made, and probably unequalled in Boston." Apart from the mechanical improvements noted, the Watchman, so far as our acquaintance with the paper extends, was never so good as at present.

AN article in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of December 9, under the caption "Pulpit or Desk", contained an allusion which we regret to learn has given offense. A correspondent informs us that Mr. Denovan's article was generally understood as referring to a certain Baptist minister, and that his criticism was considered as uncourteous and sarcastic. We did not suppose that the illustration employed by the writer of the article in question was of such a character as to give offence or wound the feelings of any one likely to read the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Had we known the facts to be as our correspondent represents them the article would have appeared, if at all, in an amended form.

AT a recent meeting of the Directors of the St. John Protestant Orphan Asylum it was decided to issue the same annual appeal to the public for funds in aid of the maintenance of the institution, and, according to the report of the treasurer, to intimate that the sum of \$1,250 as estimated, would be required in addition to present available income to meet the expenses of the current year. Any person contributing one dollar and upwards is entitled to attend and vote at the annual meeting; and in view of the circumstances and of the work that is being accomplished, the claims of the institution are strongly urged on the public for consideration and financial support. All sums contributed will be acknowledged through the daily papers as heretofore.

WE have received the calendar of the Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces of Canada. The president of the school is Mr. G. U. Hay, Ph. D., principal of the Victoria High School, St. John; the vice-presidents are Prof. McDonald, of the Normal School, Truro, and Supervisor MacKay, Halifax. The secretary-treasurer is Mr. W. F. Kennedy, of Halifax, and the local secretary Mr. Enoch Thompson, of St. John. The course of study includes lectures by very competent teachers on astronomy, botany, chemistry, didactics, elocution, English literature, geology, histology and microscopy, mineralogy, music, physics, physiology, psychology and zoology. A brief outline is given of the lectures for 1892, and a list of text books helpful to the students. The next session of the school will open in the hall of the Centennial School, St. John, July 4, 1892. The fees are \$2.00 for registration, \$3.00 for registration and one subject, and 50 cents for each additional subject. We are informed that this school is growing in favor with teachers and with the public, the attendance having more than doubled within the last four years.

IT was decided at the annual meeting of the Maritime Publishing Company, held in August last, that the MESSENGER AND VISITOR should be cut and pasted, thus rendering its inside pages more easily accessible to the reader. Our enterprising printer, Mr. Day, who has done excellent service for the company during the past three years, has cheerfully consented to meet our wishes in this matter also, and expects within a few days to have set up in his office a first-class cutting, pasting and folding apparatus. We expect, therefore, that, if not with the first issue of the New Year, at least within a week or two, the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will appear out, pasted and neatly folded by machinery. Mr. Day has also, of his own accord, provided for the paper an entirely new set of type, and in its next issue it will appear in a new and handsome dress. These improvements will, we hope, materially to the appearance and value of the paper, and will no doubt be suitably appreciated by our subscribers.

CONCERNING the gift by Dea. Geo. W. Chipman of an estate in Cambridge, Mass., for a home for aged people and orphan children, of which note was made in our last issue, it is further learned that the present value of the gift is about \$25,000. Mr. Chipman says he has had this in his heart for about twenty-five years. But he contemplated it as a legacy. His illness last summer has led him to desire to give it while living, and in this his noble wife and his children most happily concur. The conditions of the gift are very simple. The present residence is to be known as the Chipman Memorial. The property must be kept free from debt. If desired, at any time, one half the rooms shall be available to needy persons of the Tremont Temple church.

PASSING EVENTS.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION in the PROVINCE of QUEBEC has not been rendered less exciting by what has transpired during the past week. It was the general expectation that the legislature would meet not later than the 29th Dec., as it must in order that the law might be complied with, which requires that a year shall not elapse without a session of the legislature being held. But the Governor, acting with the advice of his new ministry, dissolved the House, and the writ issued for a general election are made returnable March 15. The public nominations are to take place on March 1 and the election will be held a week later. This move of Governor Angers has given rise to not less difference of opinion, as to its constitutionality and wisdom, and evoked not less hostile criticism than did his previous action in dismissing the Mercier cabinet. As above intimated, it is provided by law that a year shall not elapse without a session of parliament, and in order to comply with this provision it was necessary that the legislature should meet before the close of the present month. The dissolution of the legislature, under the circumstances was, therefore, it is contended by some whose opinion is certainly worthy of respect, contrary to law. Mr. Mercier, of course, takes this ground, and charges that in this matter, as in his previous action, the Lieut. Governor has trampled upon the constitutional rights of the people, and that the whole procedure is illegal. On the other hand, it is held that Governor Angers in this matter has acted within his constitutional rights. This opinion is shared by so high an authority as Dr. Bourinot, who holds that it belongs to the prerogative of the Lieut. Governor to dissolve the legislature whenever in the interests of the country such a step shall be demanded, without reference to that section of the law which provides for an annual session of parliament. There is another question which has been asked, and which, as far as we are able to perceive, has not yet received a wholly satisfactory answer. It is this: When Governor Angers has dismissed his late advisers, was he plainly in harmony with constitutional authority and British precedent in choosing a new set of advisers from the ranks of the opposition? Was it not rather to have been expected that he would call upon some one of the gentlemen belonging to the party having a majority in the House, and therefore, presumably, enjoying the confidence of the electorate, to undertake the task of forming a new ministry? We do not lay claim to any ability to answer the constitutional questions at issue between Mr. Angers and his late advisers. We content ourselves with having stated them, waiting for light from those who are learned in constitutional law and practice.

WE MAY, HOWEVER, BE PERMITTED to remark that, as it seems to us, the essential question is not so much whether these acts are, or are not, violations of the letter and theory of constitutional law. It is as true of public as of private conduct that some things are lawful which are not expedient. Suppose it is granted that there has been no such violation, there is another question which is still more important. It is this: Are such acts in harmony with the political spirit of the age, as manifested in the democratic tendency now so strongly prevailing in Great Britain and her colonies, and with the unwritten law which, more and more, is coming to place the powers of government in the hands of the people, and in those who are directly responsible to them? The prerogative of the Crown, both as to dismissal and dissolution, is now exercised with great reserve in British colonies. Only once before in the history of this Dominion has a lieut. governor ventured upon the step of dismissing his constitutional advisers. This was also in the province of Quebec, when Governor Letellier, in 1878, dismissed a Conserva-

tive ministry under circumstances somewhat similar to those of the present case. Mr. Letellier's action was then generally upheld by the Liberals and as generally condemned by the Conservatives; just as Mr. Angers' procedure, at present, is generally endorsed by the Conservatives and condemned by the Liberals, though not without a few notable exceptions, it should be said, on both sides. It must be regarded as unfortunate, to say the least, if Governor Angers' course has been such as to lend color to the suspicion that he is actuated by partisan motives, a suspicion which could not but be greatly strengthened if the rumor that he is shortly to enter the Dominion Cabinet should prove true. It is most unfortunate, too, that the constitutional question should come in at all to distract attention from the real matter of practical importance which has reference to the character and conduct of Mr. Mercier and his associates in the late government, and to the popular judgment which should be passed upon them. If the extravagance in expenditure and the malfeasance in office, charged against Mr. Mercier by his political opponents are true, there is no question that he should be promptly consigned to political perdition. We certainly prefer to wait to hear all the evidence which is to be brought forward before presuming to pronounce as to the extent of the expromiser's deserts. But we think that, in view of what has already come to light, there can be little doubt in unprejudiced minds that it would not be a matter of honor, either for the province of Quebec or the Liberal party of Canada, that Mr. Mercier should be returned to power on the eighth of March next. If, therefore, Governor Angers' course has been such that, through constitutional questions or suspicions of partisanship, attention will be diverted from the main issue, it is much to be regretted.

THE DEATH OF THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, which is just announced, removes a British nobleman of most honorable name and character. For some time the Duke had been in feeble health. It is said, indeed, that he had never fully recovered from the shock resulting from the death of his son, Lord Frederick Cavendish, who, on May 6, 1882, shortly after being appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland, was assassinated in Phoenix Park, Dublin. The late Duke, though for a time a member of the House of Commons, has never been prominently connected with public affairs. He was a student and patron of art and literature rather than a politician. But he was not without interest in public affairs; and both he and his son, the distinguished Marquis of Hartington, were hearty supporters of the Liberal party until the split took place on Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule measure in 1886. The Marquis has been the acknowledged and able leader of the Liberal Unionists in the Commons, and his transition to the House of Lords, which the succession to his father's name and title will involve, is regarded as a calamity to his party. According to the Times, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain is now to be regarded as the Liberal Unionist leader in the Commons, but he is much less popular, and if the party shall continue to maintain a distinct existence it is not certain it will follow the lead of Mr. Chamberlain.

THE DEATH OF SENATOR PLUMB, which occurred in Washington, on Sunday, 20th inst., from apoplexy, removes suddenly a prominent and able man from the parliamentary councils of the United States. The career of Senator Plumb affords a fine illustration of the prize which the conditions of life in that country have presented during the last half century to ability, enterprise and industry. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1837. His parents were farmers in poor circumstances. The boy picked up what rudiments of education he could at a country school house, at such times as he could be spared from the barn, and soon left the farm to enter a country printing office. Here he worked at the case and the press, reading law as he had opportunity, became a contributor to the paper, and, at the age of fifteen, it is said, established a paper for himself. At the age of nineteen he went with a number of other young men to Kansas, established there the Emporia News, and plunged into the political agitation of that period. In 1869 he was admitted to the bar, and in 1862 was a member of the legislature. In the same year he entered in the volunteer service of the country to take part in the great civil war, and served successively as captain, major and lieut. colonel in the Eleventh Kansas Infantry. After the war he was chosen

speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives. In 1877 he was elected to the United States Senate, and continued to represent his State in that body until his death. The New York Evening Post says, in allusion to Mr. Plumb's career in the Senate, that he forged his way to the front as a Senate debater by sheer perseverance. When he first entered that body he took a very humble rank among the members. By assiduous practice he became a formidable competitor of the ablest men there, and was really a power in the councils of the nation. Mr. Plumb's opposition to the McKinley bill, whether it signified honest repudiation of the McKinley policy, or was simply the action of one wise in his generation, no doubt saved him from the fate of Mr. Ingalls, who answered for his adhesion to McKinleyism by the loss of his senatorial head.

IT IS PROPOSED TO BUILD A PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL in New York city, and plans for the carrying out of the scheme are being perfected. It is to be called the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and the site selected is at Ninth Avenue and West One Hundred and Tenth street. Preference has been given to the plans of Messrs. Hens & Lafarge, and at an important meeting of trustees, to be held next month, it is expected that their plans will be presented, with certain revisions and alterations. It is also expected that a decision will then be reached as to methods of construction, details of expense, and so forth. It is believed by some that a sum should be raised, the revenue from which would amount to \$300,000, or \$200,000, and that the income only should be expended in building. The capital sum, after the cathedral was completed, would then remain as a permanent endowment.

THIS NEW YORK PROTESTANT CATHEDRAL, which is to be, suggests certain reflections and questions. Can the spirit of this present age, so far as it is a Christian spirit, find its true and appropriate expression in such forms, or do cathedrals rather belong essentially to the past? There is a time for everything under the sun. It is easy to see that in a ruder and less enlightened age many things might have a reason for being and an influence which does not belong to them to-day. Cathedrals once had an impressiveness and a religious influence, as representing the triumph, the authority and the glory of Christianity, which can belong to no material forms to-day. The cathedral of the twentieth century will not attract the admiration of the people, cultivate their sense of the sublime and incite them to reverence as did the cathedrals of the tenth or the fifteenth centuries. Is it a cathedral or a cathedral building Christianity that the world wants to-day? Is it Christianity that expresses itself in the grandeur of material forms, to be gazed upon from afar, or in a voice that echoes faintly through cathedral glooms and splendors, or is it a Christianity that comes in lowly guise and with lively human words and deeds of brotherly kindness and charity? Is it a Christianity that expends its strength in building monuments to its own greatness, or a Christianity that eats and drinks with men and reveals itself as the friend of sinners, that goes down into every slum and alley of the great city, and out into every highway and byway of the great world, in order to seek and save the lost? What will the Protestant cathedral do to effect redemption for "Darkest Africa" or "Darkest England," or in any portion in this sinful world? to preach glad tidings to the meek, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive and the opening of the prison doors to them that are bound? We have no desire to restrain the beneficence of Christians within severely utilitarian channels; but we question whether this is an age for cathedral building. So many fields are white unto the harvest, waiting for men with hearts strong in faith and warm with love to reap them. So many souls are waiting for help that it were vain to look for in grand exterior or stately interior of any building, however magnificent; so many are waiting for messages which are not echoed down the dim aisles of a cathedral, but must be spoken in the ear and come warm from the heart. There is need of rooms clean and comfortable, and bright with sunlight and Christian fellowship. There is need of hospitals, of asylums, of reformatories, of schools in need of multifarious agencies to reach the poor, the degraded, the vicious, and to bring them into the atmosphere of Christian worth and Christian love. There is boundless room for genuine Christian preachers, teachers and helpers of every kind and capacity. But what is the

need of cathedrals, that Christians should devote their time, their talents and millions of their money to raise a material structure which, when finished, is likely to be no more than a weak imitation of the product of a bygone age?

THE CONDITION OF THINGS in IRISH POLITICS of late has been much as usual. That is, of course, to say, it has been stormy. Generally speaking, wherever important political meetings have been called there has been the usual appeal from the eloquence of the orators to physical force, and the questions at issue have been argued out by the opposing factions by the aid of the shillalah and the brick bat. Both Mr. John Dillon and Mr. Michael Davitt received injuries in these melees. A severe blow on the head from a missile thrown by some Parnellite hand, it was said, decided Mr. Davitt to become a candidate for Waterford, to fill a vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Richard Power. As in every other case of a bye-election the result had been a defeat for the Parnellites, it was generally supposed that Mr. Davitt was reasonably sure of being elected. The McCarthys were confident of victory, but the result of the election, which took place last Wednesday, was a surprise. Davitt had 1,275 votes, and Redmond, his opponent, 1,725, a majority of 495. This victory will, of course, elevate the hopes of the Parnellites and inspire them with new determination to keep up the factional and suicidal strife.

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

PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER:

For the officers of W. B. M. Union, and the members of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards, that the wisdom which cometh from above may be given to all, and the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour be wonderfully advanced through them this year.

Christmas Pictures from Eastern Lands FOR OUR MISSION BANDS.

NO. I. Many thousand years ago in a far-off Eastern land there lived an old man. He was rich in all that this world could give of silver and gold, of flocks and herds. Many servants waited to do his bidding; and if enemies came he had only to call on his armed men, and they were ready to do battle for him and his. His home was in a valley, beautiful with vineyards, celebrated for their magnificent grapes; while the olive, fig, and other fruit-bearing trees abounded. The favor of his God rested upon him, and it seemed as though he could have nothing more to ask for. Yet one thing was lacking—he had no children; no one to whom he could leave all this vast wealth. Sitting once during the hottest part of a summer day in the door of his tent, he sees two strangers passing; he invites them into his home, brings water for their feet, and bids them rest for a little under the cool shade of the old tree near his tent-door. While they partake of the repast he has prepared, he stands, and with his own hands serves them. And then one of the strangers, moving to the old man, tells him that the one desire of his heart is to be gratified. God has in store for him a wondrous gift; a gift which, strange as it might seem, would not only gladden his own heart and home, but all succeeding people should be blessed in the son who would bear his name.

NO. II. Along the eastern bank of the River Nile is a land called "The Land of Verdure." Rich and fertile, it was admirably adapted for those who followed a shepherd life. And here in the home of one of these shepherds is gathered a band of men, strong men inured to hardship; accustomed to labor and toil. Just now they have left the fields, and are standing round the bedside of one whom they called father. They had not always been dutiful sons. Many a heart ache, many a sorrow they had caused the old man. Yet now that he is dying they draw near with softened hearts to hear his last words. To each he gives a blessing, and speaks of the future for them and for their children. We will listen as he speaks to one son, for we hear him say that the descendants of this son are to dwell in the south land, which is familiar to us as the scene of our last picture. He tells the wondering men that his family should grow, till from a "little power" it should become chief among the brethren. High honor should also be placed upon them. In childhood days the boy had often heard of the gift which had been promised to his great-grandfather by the stranger under the old tree on that hot summer day. Now, to his surprise, he learns that through his branch of the family this blessing is to come. Not in his day;

long years would intervene, and the promise was obscure; but it spoke of a gift which meant peace instead of war, prosperity instead of want, a "glorious rest" in place of restless wandering.

NO. III. To see our next picture we must visit again that south land; a few miles further north than where we saw the old man entertaining his strange visitors. Now we are in a royal city, and stand within the palace of a great king. Life with him had not all been sunshine. From the humble walks of life he had been taken, and only after years of bloodshed and war had he been crowned king. When we see him he is sitting in his house, but his thoughts are not of his walls, built though they are of the stately cedar. Nay, as he sits there he is looking back into the past, and forward into the future. He remembers all he has read in the annals of his country, of the promises made to his ancestors in the by-gone days. He knows that he is one of that family through whom the wondrous gift of blessing was to come. And past trials fade, and present sorrows are as nothing, while he muses on the fact that the old promise made to his family is made to him, and will remain inviolate until the coming of the gift which is "all his desire."

Not in royal city or within palace walls do we look for our next picture. The scene represented is a stormy one, thick clouds obscure the sky. Here and there is a sight which seems to speak of sunshine, but again the hurrying clouds drift over, and all is dark. There are figures of men and women but they seem to grope their way. You look in vain for any break, anything to relieve the gloom. Then suddenly the scene does change; it is the same, yet not the same. The clouds are fleeing, the dimness is passing, there are tokens of a clearer day. In the distant horizon the light is breaking which betokens the rising of the sun. As the light grows clearer a watchman is seen coming over the hills. In his hand he bears a scroll on which is written, "They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. . . for unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. . . His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Prince of Peace."

As you gaze once more the scene is changed; a fifth picture is before us. It is the old south land once more, but instead of the fierce glare of the noon-day sun the stars are lighting up the scene. The cool of night has fallen on the land, and all is peace. Flocks are here, and by them watch the shepherds as of old. Suddenly there shines a light, so bright that the watchers are startled, alarmed; until a voice breaks on the midnight air, a voice of such sweetness that every ear is stilled. The message brought is the same as that given to the old man under the shade of the old tree on that summer day so long ago; the same as that given by the dying man to those gathered round his bed; the same to the king in his palace; the same that was written on the herald's scroll. The same and yet a new joyousness runs through the message: "Fear not, behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." The gift of gifts—promised and waited for so long; the desire of all nations has come at last, and the promises of all the ages are voiced in the angels' song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men."

One more picture ere we turn away. The song of the angels still rings on the air. Still are thanks given for this wondrous gift, and yet, though in the picture before us the scene is still in an Eastern land, we look in vain for the peace the angels sang of. No gladness, no great joy, such as the messenger said should be to all people is depicted here. Men and women are hurrying to and fro, fires here and there light up the banks of the river; but their lurid glow seems only to intensify the gloom. Hopelessness and despair are on all. There are little children, but they look uncared for, unloved; they have no joy, no sunshine. Death, not life, is written over all. They know nothing of the golden promise of the long ago, nothing of the wondrous gift which brought such joy and gladness, nothing of the joy and peace and goodwill which the angels said would come to all people. Why is it? Why is this darkness, this despair? Why was this gift for "all peoples", and yet these have no share? Who will answer? Will you?

A. E. J. Miller Bros., Granville street, Halifax, at the recent exhibition, received three diplomas on their organ and piano exhibition.

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THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

The close of the year will bring to each of our readers some special thoughts of life and its issues. In the review for each a stranger cannot come. But we may hope that much of blessing and faithful labor will be seen in the backward glance and much of well founded hope in the onward look.

But the Christian must look with his Lord's eyes and so on the whole world. The close of the year, therefore, makes us ask, "What of the night?" And who is wise enough to answer?

Some things we behold quite clearly. In affairs social and political there is struggle and constant ferment. The Jew in Russia is persecuted, but there are millions of others in Russia who are far from having rest. The relations of France and Germany are not yet cordial, and other powers do not feel wholly secure. The dangers of revolt in China may represent a feeling of unrest throughout the East. England has still her problems of domestic politics. The recent changes in South America have been followed by more revolutions. Our own country reposes in peace, but we have our political agitations which seem endless and adapted to promote alienation and conflict.

Everywhere the struggle for wealth and social distinction goes on with fierceness, absorbing largely the best aspirations of the people. The great heathen nations are still before us almost unaffected by the Gospel. The great world is largely "in wickedness." Yet even here there are not wanting cheering tokens. The power of the best public opinion is increasing and rulers are more subject thereto. The obligations of the strong to the weak are recognized in large philanthropic schemes like General Booth's.

The disturbing influences of some heresies are met by a fuller discernment and application of the Gospel to the needs, religious and social, of mankind. The young are coming forward in thousands asking for equipment for missionaries in the volunteer movement. The Lord is deepening His hold on the thoughts of men and widening their views of His purposes.

But each Baptist has to do with the interests of his denomination especially and with the life in his immediate neighborhood. While we are interested in the general progress of Christianity, the force we are to exert will be largely expended in connection with our own enterprises. Vague aspirations and concentrated on the work we have to do if we are to leave any impress on our time. The minister will have a general interest in governmental problems, but, as a famous preacher has said, to the true minister in his best hours the conversion of a soul is of more account than the affairs of an empire. The church in all its undertakings is the place for our interest in the great world to express itself in deeds.

The year just closing has been, in these provinces, one of prosperity. Our educational institutions have all flourished. Our Foreign Mission has been reinforced by the sending out of five new missionaries, and our Home Mission work is being carried on with vigor and efficiency.

us. The swiftly passing years are testing us severely. May they strengthen us in the service of His unceasing conflict. He has sounded forth the trumpet that never sounds retreat, He is lifting up the hearts of men before His judgment seat; Be swift, my soul, to greet Him; be jubilant, my feet; Our God is marching on.

The Infants' Home, for many years past doing a good work in Halifax, at first received aid from the Nova Scotia government.

Help was readily given because the institution was for the general good, and far removed from denominationalism. After a time the Roman Catholics withdrew from it and established a home for themselves. They, too, made application to the government of Nova Scotia for provincial aid. Premier Fielding responded for one year only, telling both the original Infants' Home and the Roman Catholic home that grants would not be continued. They were accordingly discontinued. A Sabbath or two ago when Archbishop O'Brien made an appeal in the cathedral at Halifax for funds to support the Catholic home, he reminded the people that the public grant had been withdrawn; and that for this Mr. Fielding and his government would suffer at the hands of the faithful when the next election should take place. We are no defenders of the government of Nova Scotia; but this much can be said in the case: For many years Baptists took the ground that grants to denominational colleges should be discontinued; but so long as they were continued the Baptists demanded their full share. This complicated matter. The situation became embarrassed. The P. C. Hill government gave grants for a term of years with the warning that they would cease at the end of that time. At the time named they did cease. The Baptists agreed to this settlement of a long dispute.

Premier Fielding therefore acted in harmony with this settlement when he stopped grants to the Infants' Homes as soon as they took denominational grounds. He acted in harmony with the verdict of the people, after many years of discussions and difficulties. Now, if Archbishop O'Brien thinks that by threats he can break through this settlement, and again introduce into Nova Scotia politics the practice of giving aid to sectarian enterprises, we believe he will find himself greatly mistaken. Irrespective of party, the people will let him know that such threats as he intimates in his cathedral appeal, will recoil on his own head. The day for hierarchical dictation has not come in Nova Scotia yet. The Archbishop cannot drive his own flock in politics. We congratulate our Roman Catholic fellow citizens in the assertion of their rights in political matters. This has been done on several occasions. Let it continue.

The Missionary Review of the World is, as not a few of our readers know, a very valuable monthly missionary magazine. It is, so far as we know, by far the best of its class in the English language. It is exceedingly rich in leading articles, discussing with great ability the various problems connected with missionary work, as well as in suggestive paragraphs, statistics and current information from the missionary fields of the world. No pastor, and no one else who wishes to have an intelligent grasp of what is being done in the world of Foreign Missions, can afford to be without the Review. It is published by Funk & Wagnell, New York, at \$2.00 per year. No doubt many who would very much like to have the Review feel that they cannot afford it. With a view to lending them a helping hand in this respect, we have made special arrangements with the publishers of the Review, and are able to make our readers the following advantageous offers: To any one who will send us the name of a new subscriber to the MESSINGER AND VISITOR and \$3.00, we will send the Missionary Review for one year. OR IF ANY ONE WILL SEND US THE NAMES OF TWO NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MESSINGER AND VISITOR and \$4.00, we will send the Review for one year. OR IF ANY ONE WILL SEND US THE NAMES OF THREE NEW SUBSCRIBERS and \$5.00, we will send the Review as above. OR IF ANY ONE WILL SEND US THE NAMES OF FOUR NEW SUBSCRIBERS and \$6.00, we will send the Review as above. Thus any one may get the Review FREE BY SIMPLY SECURING FOR THE MESSINGER AND VISITOR FOUR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Our attention is called to the fact that the allusion to Henry Aline in the obituary notice of the late Deacon Edward Kempton, of Milton, which appeared in the last issue of the MESSINGER AND VISITOR, is evidently a mistake, as Henry Aline died in 1784. The writer of the sketch must have had in mind some one of the early ministers of the denomination who were contemporary with Father Ainsley.

We regret to learn that Rev. H. G. Mellick, of the Leinster street church, has been quite ill for a few days. His pulpit was occupied on Sunday morning last by Rev. L. A. Palmer.

Acadia College and the Convention Fund.

In the report of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, presented to the Convention in 1890, the following paragraph appears:

MONEY FROM CONVENTION FUND. We call your attention to the fact that the Convention Fund does not yield for our educational institutions the share to which they are by the Convention plan entitled, and we trust that steps may be taken to give these enterprises their just proportion of the benevolence of the denomination. We think the churches and all other contributors to the Convention Fund would most wisely bestow their bounty and liberality by giving on the Convention Plan, pure and simple, and thus each department of our work will move on harmoniously and well.

This paragraph, although adopted by the Convention, does not appear to have improved matters, for the college received \$247.85 less for the year ending July 31st, 1891, than it did the year before, notwithstanding the total amount of the Convention Fund was considerably greater. Had the college received its proportion of the Convention Fund proper, i. e., of what remains of the \$27,743.25 after the W. M. A. money and the Grand Ligne and North-West moneys are deducted, it would have received \$3,833.28 instead of \$2,646.70, which was all that it did receive.

At the close of the last Convention year the general account of the college was in debt \$23,487.74. This amount represents the deficits of three years, and is due to the fact that the college has not received its proportion from the Convention Fund. Carefully prepared estimates for the current year show that the college must receive from this fund not less than \$4,300 during the year, or this debt will be increased.

But some one will ask, has not the college received large gifts during the last few years, so that less is needed than formerly from the Convention Fund? The answer to this enquiry is that while these gifts have strengthened the college and made it more efficient, they have not lessened the amount needed, for the gifts have required a corresponding outlay.

It should be further noticed that the amount received from Convention Fund goes to the benefit of the college proper and not to the other departments.

Brethren and sisters, the Board of Governors ask for at least \$4,300 during the current year to enable them to provide for the general expenses of the college. Do not, then, in making your contributions to the benevolent enterprises of the denomination withhold from the college the twenty five per cent. promised in the Convention plan.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of Acadia University,

A. COBURN, Finance Com. A. W. SAWYER, E. D. KING.

Can a Minister of the Gospel be Provided For without a Subscription List?

The question may seem to require no answer, and yet in support of the affirmative there are well authenticated cases where men have supported themselves and in addition raised large amounts for Christian and benevolent purposes depending on prayer, and no other instrumentality. Among these Muller stands out in bold relief. Depending on prayer, and on prayer alone, he raised immense sums for religious and benevolent purposes.

I know a Baptist minister who for nearly a quarter of a century has neither from the pulpit nor out of it asked for money or material support. When he decided to depend on prayer for his maintenance, and the support of his family and the education of his children his house was under mortgage, and his children so young he could expect no assistance from them. He has paid off the mortgage, improved his place, maintained his family and educated his children. Three of his four sons are in lucrative employment, and the fourth is at home. His two daughters are well and happily married.

pocket yesterday to give to the first preacher I saw to-day, and you are the one." The donor was only a nominal Christian and by education a Presbyterian.

Last evening I entered the hotel here on business, and while there an Episcopalian placed before me a subscription list. I was astonished when I found that it was to raise a Christmas offering for the minister I have mentioned. Running my eyes down the list I saw that the figures were generally \$10 and \$5, and the names included merchants, lawyers, bankers and others, most of them men who had made no profession of religion, and who were in no way identified with the denomination to which the minister belonged. He would not have the most remote idea that such a paper was in circulation, as it seemed to have been started on the spur of the moment, and he lives about fifteen miles from here. He will know nothing about this subscription unless he sees your paper, until the money is handed to him. This minister finds every winter a car load of cord wood at the railway station near his house, with the freight on it paid, and it is generally drawn to his place and manufactured by his neighbors.

I state the matters because, after careful consideration, I believe what is done for this minister by saints and sinners, is done in answer to his prayers. I have known instances where he, on the Sabbath, has received in contributions from fifteen to twenty dollars, when the contributions for another minister under similar circumstances would not have exceeded half the amount. I believe in special prayer, and that there is nothing too great and nothing too small to ask the Lord for in the most specific manner. I could mention instances where my prayers were answered almost as soon as uttered, and what the Lord has done for me He will do for others. All Christians, I believe, can testify that from experience, they know that their Heavenly Father hears and answers the prayers of His children.

I admit that our Baptist ministers in the Maritime Provinces are too often inadequately provided for. I will go further. But few of our churches give their minister a sufficient compensation. In some churches nearly every attempt to raise the stipulated allowance leads to difficulty, and sometimes to the severance of the connection between the minister and the church. I do not think that the minister should do all the praying in reference to his support, but on the contrary every Christian should, when he asks the Lord to extend the limits of His kingdom in this world, ask Him to put it into the hearts of His people to provide for His ministers, and in addition to this every Christian should diligently enquire what the Lord expects of him about this.

The case of the minister I have mentioned can be authenticated by a large number of witnesses, and I doubt not there are others who, like him, depend more upon their prayers than on their requests to the deacons to have their support provided. C. E. K.

Is it Scriptural for Women to take a Public Part in the Social Exercises of the Church?

In your issue of the 9th instant Bro. David Price favors us with what he regards as an answer to this interesting question. While I cannot withhold my commendation of the spirit and moderation of Bro. P.'s letter, I remain unconvinced by it.

As I have been for some years seeking satisfactory light upon this subject, perhaps you will grant space enough for a few remarks that may stimulate further discussion.

"As in all churches of the saints, let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

These two quotations are the formal answer of the Holy Spirit to Bro. P.'s question. Language more deliberate and emphatic, I know not where to find within the compass of inspiration. The command to baptize, by which our very existence as a separate denomination can alone be justified, is not stronger than this prohibition. "IN THE CHURCH" no woman is to officiate or exercise authority.

What, then, can mean those directions given in the eleventh chapter of the same apostolic epistle about the covering of a woman's head when she prays or prophesies? They mean exactly what they say; but does any body believe that the exercise of a Christian woman's talents is impracticable out of "the church"? What about the family and the Sabbath-school; what about the homes of the poor and the sick; what about meetings composed entirely of her own sex, either in Canada or in foreign missions; what about friendly domestic "calls" and visits, where even Christian ladies are apt to indulge in "small talk" that cannot be called very profitable?

Do not these spheres of frequent intercourse with humanity furnish ample opportunity and scope for regenerated female gift and zeal? Is it indeed absolutely necessary to infringe apostolic prohibition and outrage all the delicate religious customs of the venerable past for the purpose of giving pious womanhood fair opportunity of usefulness? Very respectfully, I think not. I think not, very decidedly.

One remark more. In the erroneous state of present religious opinion on this subject our Christian sisters are persecuted and wronged. Just sit for one hour in many of our prayer meetings, especially in one of our conference meetings, and listen. How earnestly and repeatedly does the leader of it enjoin on all present to give their testimony! How solemnly does he warn the silent ones of their deplorable low spiritual state—indeed of their guilt unless they stand up and speak out. And poor nervous, timid feminine souls (many of them worn out with a hard day's work in the kitchen or among troublesome little children)—women, whose whole nature craves repose and comfort and shrinks from public speaking, still, under a sense of duty, make a desperate effort to say something! No person who sits near her can but feel pained at the terrible strain the average woman's heart and nerve tissue endure under the ordeal of such "testimony" giving.

Now I desire, by your favor, Mr. Editor, to tell my sisters in Christ that they are under no dutiful obligation to utter a word before such an audience. Ask Paul what response you ought to make to such exhortations of your pastor, and he kindly answers, "KEEP SILENCE."

J. DENOVAN.

North Dakota Correspondence.

The last letter from this land gave some account of the struggle of the farmers in the Red River Valley, in trying to manage and dispose of their enormous crop. Well, not very far from the middle of this year "Jack Frost" closed in on them, and an old fashioned Dakota winter stiffened their fingers, and hindered operations. For a few days at the end of November and the beginning of December, Old Sol came out finely and warmed and cheered the brave combatants in this battle, and not a few were helped to victory; but last night gave us an old-time "Nor' west blizzard," at least for a time quenching all hope of finishing the threshing this year. Hundreds of acres on both sides of the international line are dotted over with unthreshed shocks of grain, and tens of thousands of large and rich stacks of grain are yet untouched by the threshers, and many of them will have to remain unthreshed till spring. The short days now with us, and the intense frost and scolding winds make it impossible to secure progress in this work. Hundreds of threshers are going south discouraged and disgusted at the vain attempt to do threshing in a Dakotan winter, such as this winter is proving to be, and likely to be. Threshing on the open prairie with the thermometer playing from ten to twenty degrees below zero is certainly no child work, and in spite of \$2.50 and \$3 per day given the workmen for three-quarter day's work, some of the heaviest and hardest of the sons of toil have had to succumb and to follow the wild birds south to a warmer climate.

Some three weeks ago the writer accepted of an invitation to visit his old field of labor, Manitoba, and take part in the exercises of the Southern Manitoba Association. The place of meeting was the interesting little town of Pilot Mound, about ten or twelve miles north of the international line, where our brother, J. W. Auvache, late of Innis, is pastor. Several circumstances conspired to make the attendance less than it was hoped it would be. For local reasons the time was placed later than it was last year, and hence the students from the mission fields had returned to their studies. Then many brethren who would otherwise have attended and enjoyed the meeting were night and main at the great threshing. And as a further hindrance, the first day of the week was ushered in by a severe rain, sleet and wind storm. Still, a goodly number of the faithful met together, and a helpful and enjoyable gathering was held. The programme was broken in upon by the above mentioned causes, and still a very fair and profitable programme was unfolded as the meeting progressed. Pastor Auvache struck a very good keynote in leading the meeting of prayer and praise at the beginning; then followed Pastor D. D. McArthur—a worthy instance of the "left handed D. D."—with an appropriate and substantial sermon from Col. 1: 18. His theme was "The Pre-eminence of Jesus Christ." The preacher spoke extempore, as most preachers on the prairie do, and I only wish that all our "right handed D. D.'s" were in the habit of giving such a scriptural, logical and orthodox a development of his theme as our good brother gave. All who listened to the discourse must have felt satisfied that neither the Plymouth brethren (with the small b) nor the "New theologians" (with the small t) are likely ever to count our brother in their ranks. The evening of the first day was occupied by

a platform meeting, when addresses were given by Pastor E. B. McLatchey, of Morden—by the way, one of your promising young men from "away down by the sea"—his theme was Foreign Missions. Rev. A. Grant, bishop of Rupert street church, Winnipeg, followed with one of his forcible, indescribable speeches on Home Missions; and after him the writer spoke, as the pioneer, on early mission work in Manitoba and the North-West.

On the morning of the second day the circular letter was read by its author, Deacon A. McDougall. Those who are acquainted with Bro. A. McDougall (and there are many both in East and West Ontario who do), know what he is capable of producing with his facile pen, and the present effort was worthy of him. This production, along with a paper read by the pioneer missionary on "Pastoral Stability," was to-day to appear in print with the minutes of the association. An old friend of the writer's, Bro. Robert Preston, was honored at this gathering with the position of moderator, and Bro. A. McDougall with the office of clerk, both of which positions these brethren ably filled. This association occupies the south-western part of Manitoba, and embraces some churches which are among the most living and active churches in the North-west. Another year they will endeavor to meet at a time when better attendance can be had, making the influence more felt by the churches represented.

Our work in the Master's vineyard in North Dakota is progressing encouragingly, and some new workers have lately been added to our number. We are suffering a considerable disadvantage at present from the serious illness of our energetic and earnest general missionary, Rev. G. W. Huntley, who has been ill with fever for the last five or six weeks. He is reported to be now convalescent, but his somewhat advanced age makes it difficult for him to regain his wonted strength and vigor, being in his 70th year. It is to be hoped, however, his life may be prolonged and his vigor restored, that the mission field of this state may continue to have the benefit of his wisdom and experience acquired during 25 or 30 years in the position of general missionary. During his ten years of service in this state, some 50 or 60 churches have been organized, most of which are doing noble work for Christ and His truth. But the work is but rightly commenced here yet. This state, and its New Testament churches, have a future before them yet; and, with heaven's blessing, that future will be a bright and noble one. These candlesticks of God's initiative must radiate a light that will shine bright and clear yet, enlightening the surrounding darkness. A. M. D.

Horton Academy.

Permit me to request those subscribers to the Academy Improvement Fund, who have not yet forwarded the amount subscribed, to do so, if possible, by the 10th of January. About \$300 were pledged. Improvements costing nearly that amount were made early in September. I wish to furnish to the MESSINGER AND VISITOR a statement of the sums contributed as soon as they have been all paid, also a statement of the expenditures. Our next term will open January 6th. It is important that all who wish to enter should be on hand, so as to take up the work when it begins. Our matriculating class already numbers twenty-six, and at least four others will join it in January. It is also desirable that the middle year class become as numerous as possible during the coming term. Let the applications be made at once so that due provision for each student may be made before he arrives. Special facilities are afforded to those preparing to enter college. The canvass in behalf of the manual training department is progressing favorably. Our friends may expect a call from the members of the Ways and Means committee during the Christmas holidays. I. B. OAKES.

Young People's Department.

PORT HILFORD.—The tide of the young people's movement is still coming in, though the east wind of opposition blow against it occasionally.

I have watched with growing interest for some time the movement of the Baptist Young People's Union, and have tried to weigh as well as I could the arguments in favor and against it. I believe the movement is in the right direction and of God, and if so all that man may say or do against it will not prevail. When I brought before my people here the advisability of organizing, both old and young were in favor of it. So on Dec. 11th, we organized a society called the Baptist Young People's Union of Port Hillford church. The officers are as follows: James McConnell, president; Marcella Hunt, vice-president; Eva McConnell, secretary. We start with nineteen members, and are now looking to God for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. J. B. THOMAS, Pastor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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A Minister's Rest.

Not having enjoyed a vacation since I have been in Halifax, it occurred to my friends that a Sunday off would be appreciated by me, and they were right. So, having at last the long looked for vacation, I started by the Monday morning train from Halifax to Bridgetown, which I reached about 1 p. m. I called on Pastor F. M. Young, who showed me one of the neatest and most ornamental church buildings that is to be seen in Nova Scotia. I understand that it is to be dedicated in a few weeks' time.

I left the fair village for the more sublime heights—the North Mountain—and through the kindness of old friends, I reached the scene of past labors where so many were buried in baptism three winters ago. I was pleased to find the churches (especially Phinney Cove) prospering under the care of our young brother Erb, who is doing good work. After having preached about ten sermons, baptized two very promising young men, and visited about fifty families, I left for the busy city again, which I reached on Saturday night quite refreshed, if not through the rest, by the delightful time that I had with the dear friends on my late field.

We are happy in our work at the West End Baptist church, and who could help being happy while surrounded by such an efficient staff of deacons and helpers as we are?

Our Sunday-school superintendent—Mr. C. K. Poynter—is one of the few model superintendents.

A new baptistry has been added to the building this week, which shows that we are expecting great things from the Lord.

We are arranging for our first anniversary service, which will doubtless be full of interest, as we have no enemies, but many friends.

Brethren, do not forget us in your prayers during the coming week of prayer.

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Notes by the Way.

In Digby the new-pastor, Rev. A. T. Dykeman, is greeted with full congregations, and much success in this union of pastor and people is expected. Plans for a winter's campaign are being perfected. Our prayers are that great blessings of grace may come to this church, endeared to us by much toil and anxiety in past days.

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At the close of the Sabbath evening service it was resolved that the thanks of this church be extended to the Gibson church, in the County of York, for their uniform kindness in the sacrifice on their part in allowing their pastor, Rev. B. N. Nobles, to remain over this Sabbath day, preaching the glorious Gospel to this now destitute church; and further resolved, that the Christian sympathy shown by them be not soon forgotten on behalf of this church.

G. T. BAILLY, Clerk.

Organization of a Church.

In compliance with an invitation extended by the Baptist brethren and sisters residing in Bonshaw and vicinity to the Baptist churches of P. E. I., a council of delegates met in the Court House, Bonshaw, on Tuesday, December 15, at 3 o'clock p. m., to consider the propriety of organizing a Baptist church in that place. The following delegates were present: Tryon—Rev. E. A. Allaby, Dea. W. B. Howatt; Alexandria—Rev. J. Miles, Dea. L. McCabe; Clyde River—Bro. D. McNevin; Charlottetown—Rev. J. A. Gordon; Long Creek—Bro. J. K. Ross; North River—Dea. Jacob Bain, Bro. Peter Scott, W. F. Frazer. The meeting was organized by appointing Rev. J. A. Gordon moderator, Rev. J. Miles clerk, and Bro. J. K. Ross assistant.

A letter was read from Rev. F. D. Davison, who was unable to be present on account of the accident which had befallen him a few days previous, giving a brief outline of his labors on the field, and advising organization.

Representatives from Long Creek and Clyde River churches spoke, favoring organization. The brethren and sisters desiring to unite were thirty-five, fifteen of whom come from the church of Emayvale, which had been discontinued, others hold letters from Baptist churches in the United States and P. E. I., and those who had witnessed a public profession of faith as a result of special meeting in that place.

The question as to maintaining a

Lame Horses.

pel minister was considered and satisfactorily answered by the brethren.

On motion of Rev. E. A. Allaby, and seconded by Deacon Jacob Bain, the request of the organization was granted.

A Committee on Arrangements was appointed, which reported as follows: Evening session to open at seven o'clock. Sermon, Rev. J. A. Gordon; organization prayer, Rev. J. A. Cahill; reading of covenant, Rev. J. Miles; extending hand of fellowship and charge to the church, Rev. E. A. Allaby; election of officers; charge to the deacons, Rev. J. Cahill; ordaining prayer, Rev. J. Miles.

Afternoon meeting closed with prayer by Rev. J. Cahill.

Met at seven o'clock in evening session. The programme of committee was carried out in full. The sermon by Rev. J. A. Gordon, founded on Acts 2: 46, 47, was highly appropriate and instructive.

The following are the list of officers elected by the new church: Deacons—Bros. C. W. Crosby, D. A. McLean and Malcolm McArthur; Treasurer—Bro. Morrow; Clerk—Bro. C. W. Crosby.

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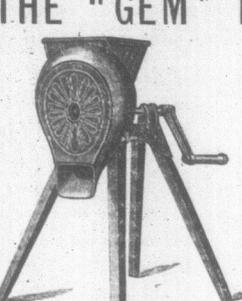
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