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GIVE HEED.—We wish to emphasize the appeal of Bro. Goucher, in last week's paper. The busy season is coming on, and there is danger lest work for Christ and souls may be neglected. It is true that many churches do not expect any special blessing in the summer season. It is ever true that it is our faith, in a case like this. During these busy months, prayer-meetings are thinly attended, if not given up, and there is a kind of spiritual vacation. When the autumn comes, and the church begins to better itself, it is found that bad habits have been formed which it is very hard to give up, and the whole field of work is like a garden which has been left to run wild for a season. It is true that the best way to have work done is to keep at work. God is ready to bless at all times, and men die and their hearts grow hard in summer as well as in winter. When there is shipwreck, and men and women are going down in the devouring waters, people will rush to the rescue, whether it be winter or summer. Wrecks strew the waters of life all the time, and souls are going down all the year round. Should not all Christians be alert and active to save them at all seasons? Work for God and souls all the time; trust in God all the time, and then there will be harvests of souls at all seasons.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS.—The convention of this body of Baptists has just been held. There have been 7000 baptisms among the whites, an increase of 33 per cent. in contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, and 25 per cent. to State Missions. There is yet much to be done, as only 625 of the 1,500 churches contribute anything. This is partially explained by the fact that only 75 of all these churches have a minister all the time and regular weekly services. Our churches must have pastors, in every country, if they are to do their work with any degree of success, and grow in the graces essential to the general good of the cause.

DR. MACRAE AND PROHIBITION.—The week before the voting on the Scott Act in St. John, Dr. Macrae came out in a bitter attack on the Act, and in opposition to prohibition generally. Last week—just a fortnight after—in the Presbyterian of St. John, he moved a resolution reaffirming the adherence of that body to the principles of temperance and prohibition. The time the Act was submitted three years ago, he did his best to defeat it, and soon after, let it be known that he had changed his views on the subject, and now he has repeated the same "right about face." What does this mean? The man who goes over to the enemy when the day of battle comes, had better stay there all the time. We could respect him more, in that case. Mr. "Facing both ways," is a character we find it had not to despise.

PROBLEMS.—The colored people are a majority in the States of S. Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana, and average over 75 per cent. of the population in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Virginia and N. Carolina. It is also reckoned that there are 14,955, 996 persons in the U. S. either foreigners or born of foreign parents. Tremendous social and religious problems are thus thrown upon the country. If they are to be solved it must be through the power of the Christian churches. Never, so it appears to us, were there louder calls to Christians in America to be intensely earnest. Some of the problems are interesting in gravity.

PERSECUTION.—Three Baptist evangelists have been holding meetings in Holland. Their services are well attended, and everywhere conversions take place. In Devonar some of the converts have had to suffer much persecution. The Rev. B. Roels, the pastor of the Baptist church there, writes that similar persecutions have happened elsewhere. "Not long ago brother Horn, of Sneek, was informed that an attempt had been made to take his life by a man who lay in concealment, and had thrice taken aim at him with a gun, which, however, missed fire each time, so that he at last broke it in pieces against a tree, with the result that his own hand was injured. This is not the first, but the fourth, time that this brother has been in peril of his life in this manner. I myself was witness of it on one occasion, and was used by God to seize the hand in which the knife was which it was intended to thrust into brother Horn's breast. This man was so bitter, owing to the fact his wife, a quiet, sincere Christian, had been baptized. He turned her out of doors in the night, and the next day, whilst at work on a high scaffolding, fell and broke his right arm, but threatened, nevertheless, to execute his wicked plan with his left, and if the police had not interfered, serious consequences would have resulted. Brother De Hart, also, at Hengelo, is often exposed to malicious attacks; at one time and another panes of glass have been broken in his house, and on one occasion he was also shamefully injured in another manner."

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND.—We fear our remarks about direct grants by churches to mission fields may be misunderstood. Our objection is to direct grants to the salary of the missionary. Where the donation is to assist in building a church, or to meet some other extraordinary expenditure, not within the scope of the work of the Home Missionary Board, the only way to help is in this way. We hope much more may be given in such cases, and our struggling fields encouraged to do their best because of the practical sympathy of the stronger churches.

LIVINGSTONE A BAPTIST.—The Christian Repository states that Livingstone was immersed, having changed his hereditary view as a Presbyterian. As authority, Canon Kingsley's Lecture on Westminster Abbey is cited. Livingstone never united with any church, but labored under the auspices of an undenominational society.

CORRA.—This land, until so recently almost a terra incognita, according to the following description of Seoul, the capital city, given by a missionary, is not a pleasant place. How much the people need the elevating influences of the gospel!

"The houses are mostly but one story high, and built of mud and stone. The streets are generally narrow and filthy beyond description. The chimneys are usually but two or three feet high, and open into the street. When the fires are kindled the smoke is often dense and suffocating."

STRONG LANGUAGE.—Judge Deady of the United States Court for Oregon speaks in the following strong way of the present condition of things in the U. S., in a charge to the Grand Jury:—"An evil spirit is abroad in this land, not only here, but everywhere. It tramples down the law of the country, and fosters riot and anarchy. Now it is riding on the back of labor, and the foolish laborer catches down to the burden and becomes its servant. Lawless and irresponsible associations of persons are forming all over the country, claiming the right to impose their opinions upon others, and to dictate for whom they shall work, and whom they shall hire, from whom they shall buy, and to whom they shall sell, and for what price or compensation. In these associations the most audacious and unscrupulous naturally come to the front, and for the time being, control their conduct. Freedom, law and order are so far subverted, and a tyranny is set up in our midst most gross and godless. Nothing like it has afflicted the world since the Middle Ages, when the fey barons and their brutal followers desolated Europe with their private wars and predatory raids, until the husbandman was driven from his ravaged field, and the artisan from his pillaged shop, and the fair land became waste."

THE NEWCASTLE ADVENTURE.—The Newcastle Advertiser has the following:—"On Sabbath evening last I attended the Baptist Church of this town, when according to announcement the Rev. T. E. Bill, Jr., preached a sermon in answer to Revs. Troop, Dayport, etc., of St. John, from the text, 'Beloved, believe not every Spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God.'—While giving the Rev. gentleman credit for sincerity he clearly demonstrated the untenableness of his position, and while regretting the necessity for differing from his brethren in the ministry, drew arguments from Science and Holy Writ that triumphantly vindicated the principles of Total Abstinence and Prohibitory Legislation. THE WHO WAS FAIRLY."

Baptist Book Room.

As there are a number of Sunday schools about to resume work, the attention of pastors, officers and teachers is called to several important facts, more especially pastors and superintendents.

1. The Baptist Book and Tract Society, located at Halifax, can supply all the requirements of the Sunday schools in the Maritime Provinces.

2. It can sell and deliver lesson helps and periodicals at the same price as publishers.

3. It sells sets of made-up libraries cheaper than Sunday schools can import.

Its stock is always new and to suit Baptist views.

It has all the facilities for import and export, and promptness in the latter is strictly maintained.

3. The society is denominational, and exists to promulgate our distinctive views. It owes its origin to the cheerful giving of Baptists. It will continue to live by Baptist support and patronage.

The following partial list will help superintendents to select material with which to begin their Sunday school.

Baptist Teacher, Senior, Advanced, Intermediate Primary and Primary lesson quarters, a host of English and American papers—Bibles, Testaments, Songs, Sankey's 1, 2, 3 and 4, Joy and Gladness, Songs of Triumph, Joyful Lays, Select Songs, Money Barrels, Collection Envelopes, Class and Record books, Missionary and Temperance Dialogues and Readings, and Recitations, Maps of Telugu Country, also of Holy Land, Missionary's group, Bible Dictionary Concordances, Cyclopedias, Commentaries, (Dr. Hovey on John, latest), sets of made-up libraries, 25 to 60 volumes, the Religious Tract Society's books, (called Half Price) &c., &c., send for Circular and Catalogue.

In making purchases for self or Sunday school, send to your own Book Room, and always give it the preference. As our pastors are the leaders of the churches by virtue of their office, we trust they will plant and foster in the hearts of our young people a love for this branch of denominational work, that it may yet prove a greater blessing than in the past.

As the season advances, many persons having subscribed to the capital fund will kindly forward all or part pledged, and thus increase the capital and help on the good work. Geo. A. McDONALD, Secretary.

Be in Earnest.

BY REV. R. BALLEE (INDEPENDENT), ENGLAND.

He who has called you into His Church has appointed a work for you to do, and He requires you to do it earnestly, with all your might. He says, "Go and work for Me. Go and seek the wandering and the outcast. Go and feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and instruct the ignorant in all useful knowledge, but especially in the knowledge of Me."

Multitudes are living without religion. Satan is triumphing in his success; the world is capitulating to his thousands; men are dying; sinners are perishing; and hell is being peopled with lost souls. Go and seek to draw them off from the unfruitful fields of darkness. Go and tell them "Time is short, and eternity is advancing. Tell them of their danger of the love of God to them as a Father; of Jesus as a Saviour, who is able and willing to save them. Tell them to repent of their sins, to put away the evil of their doings, to fly to the outstretched arms of mercy, to believe in Jesus, and they shall be saved. Tell them all your own heart melts into tenderness, and they feel that you mean what you say. How much need is there in all Christian hearts of a longing, yearning, earnest desire to do good. How few feel the burden of the Lord, and travail in birth for souls as they should. The holiest and the best among men are but half awake. If all Christians were but truly in earnest, how many sinners might be won to the Saviour who are now walking in darkness. But with death in view, eternity at hand, and sinners dying, we find it hard to be in earnest; we need the soul-constraining love of Jesus to move us. Without this we are lukewarm, cold, and inconsistent in all our efforts to do good. No consideration of the shortness of time and the near approach of eternity will ever move us to action, unless the love of Jesus be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given unto us. This we must have if we would earnestly do the work of Him who gave Himself for us. "It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing." Listen to the voice of Jesus, which, as a bell in the high tower of His Church, is ever ringing through the earth. "Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me to give to every man according as his work shall be."

Live near to God, and ever bear in mind that there is a moral influence going out from the life of every man which operates upon the minds of others either for good

or evil, the effects of which will remain after he is dead. A look, a word, the tone of voice, an action, may leave an impression upon the mind which, like sound, will vibrate and ring on through eternity, and each vibration will be a fresh memorial of the original that gave the impulse. The mother influences the mind of her child, and that influence will by him be made to operate on the minds of others yet unborn. The master influences the mind of his apprentice; the friend influences the mind of his companion. Every one is influencing the mind of some one else.

Such a view of life makes it a serious thing to live, and shows how needful it is that every Christian should live near to God, cultivate the garden of his own soul, keep his own vineyard well, that he may be able to influence other minds for good. Jesus said to His disciples: "Ye are the light of the world." "Ye are the salt of the earth." The highest and noblest end of man is to be conformed to Jesus in thought, in word, and in deed, and like Him, to be ever going about doing good.

The exhibition of exalted piety in the professors of religion has a power which nothing can withstand. It is truth embodied. It is the power of the Gospel burning in the heart, beaming in the eye, bursting from the lips, and preaching in the life.

First Steps in Ministry.

There is hardly any place at which the average man or woman is less likely to respond to a kindly request from the person who is properly in charge of proceedings than at a religious meeting. If, for example, the attendance at a mid-week prayer-meeting, or at a Sunday evening church service, is somewhat smaller than usual, and the pastor, or whoever else is the leader for the evening, requests those who are scattered through the room to come forward into the body of the house, filling up the front seats immediately before him, it is possible that one person in ten of those present will come forward as requested, although it may be that one single man will change his mind, and will step back, so that this is a result of a modest shrinking from taking a front seat in any such place; but so ever against this it will be found that these same persons will crowd each other vigorously in order to get a front seat, not only at a concert, or at a lecture, but also on some occasion when an ecclesiastical Conference or Assembly open the seats of its meeting-place at a certain stage of the proceedings. No, no; whatever else holds these persons back from moving forward as requested, it is not personal modesty. It is, on the other hand, the lack of a feeling, which influences them elsewhere, that they have a personal interest in these exercises, and that they must be ready to move to the front as an order to secure their share?—S. S. Times.

Theological Schools.

The Christian denomination which neglects to provide for an educated ministry dooms itself to weakness and insignificance. Intellectual superiority is power, and gives influence everywhere. United with piety, it gives the ministry and church a controlling power in the formation of public sentiment in matters of morality and religion. If you would have an efficient ministry, select young men whom God has designed for the work: furnish their minds with discipline and knowledge; then educate them for their calling;—let them be thoroughly grounded in Christian doctrine; in order to do this, give them a critical knowledge of the scriptures; let them learn God's teachings in the external and internal history of the church for eighteen centuries; let them receive instruction and counsel from one mature in the knowledge and experience of ministerial and pastoral duties; and then let them go forth in God's name, and put on the armor which the fathers are putting off.

To say that a young man can learn these things better by living with a pastor than at a seminary is like saying that one can become a better civil or military engineer by practicing the art with another than by studying mathematics. All professional education is two-sided, theoretical and practical, and the latter element is founded on the former. Both are necessary. What sort of Hebrewists and Biblical interpreters should we have, if our pastors, weary and exhausted with their parochial labors were to do all the teaching? How would our young ministers be prepared to grapple with the fundamental questions which a secret or an avowed infidelity is industriously forcing upon the public attention every day? They are set for the defense as well as the proclamation of the gospel. Surely this is not a time in which the church can dispense with heavy artillery, when that of the enemies is pointed against her from every hill top.

Who are the men that now stand on the walls of Zion with sword girded on, and spear and shield in hand? Who are the chosen champions of the church, and the

defenders of your faith? Who translate your scriptures, write your commentaries, prepare your books, and contribute the wrong articles to your reviews? Who discuss the fundamental religious questions of the day, both in great assemblies, and in the weekly religious press? There is but one answer,—the ripest scholars and the ablest men that can be found. The labors of this class of men, their power of working in centers of influence with superior energy, and of diffusing sound views of truth with masterly skill, cannot be dispensed with.—Dr. Briggs Sears.

The Book that Works.

We believe the Scriptures to be the Word of God because of the beneficent results they have achieved. The Bible is a book that works. It is the only book I know of that works. Other books sparkle, but this book life. Shakespeare does not live. Shakespeare does not unaidedly make men better. Cast into a community of savages, his plays would not carry barbarism by the breath of a fairer civilization. Shakespeare does not sow the mind with new impulses nor endue it with new energies. That is the prerogative of the Bible and of books that have been directly inspired from it. Where the Bible is present the most operative, there is the best civilization—since America, Great Britain, Germany.

It is hazardous nothing to say that, other things being equal, the political power and proselitism of nations is in direct ratio with their fidelity to the Word of God. When a pagan ambassador asked Queen Victoria the secret of England's national greatness, she gave him a Bible and said: "That is the secret of the greatness of England." In the Centennial letter which the President of the United States addressed to the American Sunday schools, he said: "To the influence of the Bible we are indebted for all progress made in true civilization." He also says in his essay on Calvinism: "All that we call modern civilization, in a sense which deserves the name, is the visible expression of the transforming power of the gospel."

And I want you to notice the peculiarity of the Bible; in just this respect, that it offers us motives and constraints us to adopt them; and it is the only book that is competent to do so. It comes to us clothed in light not only, but armed with power. A Brahmin said to a missionary, "What is it that makes the Bible have such power over the lives of those that embrace it? Our Vedas have no such power." Another asked: "What is it that makes this Bible give such nerve and such courage to those who receive it?" It was a heathen enemy of the Christian religion that said: "In all our sacred books there is nothing to compare with the Bible for goodness and purity and holiness and love, and for motives of action."

What I mean by the Bible as a working energy you will appreciate by a reference to a recent address of Sir Bartle Frere, who mentioned an instance that had been carefully investigated, where all the inhabitants of a certain village had cast away their idols, abjured caste, and adopted a form of Christianity which they had worked out for themselves by studying a single Gospel and a few tracts that had been left, along with other cast off things, by a departing merchant. Where is a second book, uninspired by Scripture, that has demonstrated its inherent and unassisted energy to take hold of life, grapple with it, transform it, regenerate it, and lead it out into the likeness of the life of God?—C. E. Parkhurst.

This, That, and The Other.

JAPAN.—The Japanese government has forbidden the "Yaso Taiji," or Jesus Opposers, to lecture against Christianity, or to use the word "Taiji," which means to expel the Christians.—It is now twenty-five years since Protestant missions fairly began in Japan. After the lapse of seven years there was but one baptized convert; six years later, there were but ten;—not one convert a year for the first thirteen years. Now there are a hundred and twenty churches, eight thousand communicants, and not less than two hundred and fifty native preachers. Suppose that at the close of that long thirteen years of seemingly fruitless labor, some one had computed the "cost of a convert" in Japan, pronounced it extravagant, and advised the abandonment of the land!

There has been a reduction of the national debt of England in the last five years to the extent of 30,000,000 pounds sterling, or about \$150,000,000, according to the report accompanying the "budget." "We read that the Jews never counted their alms-giving a part of their liturgy. Yet alms-giving was always a sacred duty with them. This, however, could not begin until the tithes were provided for. Their charities must be taken out of the sixpences of their incomes, not out of the Lord's one-tenth."

From our Jamaica correspondent we receive as we go to press, the summary of statistics presented by the Baptist Union of the Colony for the year just closed. This shows that 3,534 additions have been made to the churches, while the losses have numbered 3,584. Under the head of losses, however, are included 300 as dismissed for the purpose of forming new churches. Thus the actual increase in membership is 450.—Baptist.

Two Russians having been sentenced to death for becoming Baptists; and their wives, children and relatives have been cast into prison for not renouncing the faith of the two.—B.

A correspondent of the *Missionary Herald* (American Board) writes from Japan that Buddhism is "breaking down much faster than Christianity can take possession of the weak."

There are in Italy some 300 churches and mission stations of Evangelical order, and it is estimated that 16,000 of the members have been converted from Roman Catholics.

"My well is an excellent one with two exceptions—it freezes in the winter and goes dry in the summer." It is so often that say with Christian people: "We ought to be like the artesian well, which flows on forever without any pumping."

A French political economist gave some remarkable statistics concerning savings-banks. Fifty European states, with a population of 192,000,000, are included in the statement. Since 1874 the progress made by savings-banks in these countries has been astonishing. The institutions themselves date from 1817, England being their birthplace. It took the fifty-seven years from 1817 and 1874 to arrive at an aggregate of 13,000,000 of deposits, amounting among them \$1,440,000,000.

Within the next four years the deposits had increased to 15,000,000 and the stock of savings to \$1,500,000,000. This had increased in 1882 to upward of 21,500,000 deposits and \$2,500,000,000. A novel feature of the system in France is the school-banks, introduced in 1874, of which there are now 23,000. These institutions not only lead children to become prudent, but have a reflex influence in the same direction upon the parents.

Once saw a card lying on one side the picture of a rubber pointing a pistol at the head of a traveller and saying: "Your money or your life?" On the other side was the picture of a bar-keeper handing a glass of liquor to a young man, and saying: "Your money and your life." At the top of the card was written: "Which is the worse?"—*Chr. of Rel. Hr.*

A PAINTER'S WORK.—In the "Memories of Gustave Dore" some very interesting statistics are given with regard to his earnings. It is estimated that between 1850 and 1870 his illustrations brought him \$1,400,000. A morning's work has been the number to realize \$3,000. But it was the number of his works, quite so much as the unprecedentedly high rate of remuneration which he commanded, that made his earnings so large. About the age of 23 he conceived the plan of illustrating some 40 of the great masterpieces of literature, from Homer downward, and by 1865 he had executed seven.

"How I Believe."

A miserly old fellow, who had managed to hold a place in the church without its costing him anything, and whose stinginess notwithstanding his wealth was known to all who knew him, happened to have a frost set one day during a collection for missions. Near by in full view sat a man whose infidelity was equally well known. As the hat went round the infidel shook his head. Contrary to anybody's calculation when the hat was presented to the brother miser, he was seen to throw in something. The infidel looked on, and saw the contribution fall into the hat. After dismissal he went to the deacon and earnestly wished to know what the contribution was. It was two dollars. Then, said he here, are two more. I have always doubted the truth of Christianity, but now I believe.

This is a boy. He is a small boy. He is his mother's son. He is also his father's own son. He is not an old as his father, but he knows a great deal more. He is not afraid of work. He is never scared to see his parents toil for his good. He goes to school—sometimes. That is, he goes there when it rains, so he can't go fishing nor play ball. But he had rather go to the circus than the school. At school he studies three branches—reading, spelling and mischief. He loves to eat bread and butter, and sit on the pan to the dog's tail. Some boys steal. They begin when young, and keep it up. Then they learn to get drunk, and do all sorts of bad things. And when they grow up to be men they are liable to be sent to Congress. Boys should be honest, and never get caught in any bad scrape. It is a sad thing to be caught.

The Two Appearings

FOR THE grace of God that brings salvation...

Upon reading this text one sees at a glance that Paul believed in a Divine Saviour...

SAVED FROM SIN

We learn also at first sight that Paul believed in a great redemption...

OUR POSITION

The people of God stand between two appearances...

WHAT HAVE WE TO DENY?

First, we have to deny ungodliness. That is a lesson which listen to working-men...

THEY AND WE

See, then, where we are: we are compared about, behind and before, with the appearance of our Lord...

HOW TO LIVE

This life is described in a three-fold way. You are, first, to live "soberly"—that is, for yourself...

of light. What a grand expression! Helmet of light, breastplate of light, shoes of light...

Secondly, I have to call your attention to the instruction which is given to us by the grace of God...

GRACE HAS A DISCIPLINE

We generally think of law when we talk about schoolmasters and discipline; but grace itself has a discipline...

The discipline of grace, according to the apostle, has three results—denying, living, and looking...

Another encouragement is that another appearing is coming. He who bowed His head in death...

HIS NEAR ADVENT

Who said that it would be so before His appearing? The night will be as the night and the night with the right shall be as our lives...

Another encouragement is that we are serving a glorious Master. The Christ who bore the cross...

Again, he said that He might purify us. Purity is not to be clean unto us, but we are purified unto Him...

And He gave Himself for us with these two objects: first, redemption; that He might redeem us from all iniquity...

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representation, and deceit are no instruments for the hand of godly men. I am told that my principles are too angelic for the flesh...

Once more, there is looking, as well as living. One work of the grace of God is to cause us to be "looking for that blessed hope of the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ..."

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Business of Poetry

It is in the language of poetry that the human heart has poured forth its joys and sorrows, its hopes and fears, and all the various passions that have restrained, impelled, and influenced the actions of men...

The source of power to which always most other human nature is indebted for its higher and more brilliant enjoyments is the sentiment of the ideal.

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The Iron Wolf

"I conducted the services two months ago," said a clergyman, "at the funeral of one of my parishioners. He had been a farmer. Forty years ago, as a young man, he commenced work for himself and his young wife with one hundred acres of land, and he ended with one hundred. He was a skilled, industrious workman, but he laid by no money in bank. I understood the reason, as I listened to the comments of his neighbors and friends."

"His sons and daughters all received the best education which his means could command. One is a clergyman, one a civil engineer, two are teachers; all lead useful, happy and full lives."

"Said another neighbor: "Those children sitting there and weeping are the orphans of a friend. He gave them a home. She lived with them for years. That young fellow who is also weeping so bitterly was a staff that he reared from the slumps of the city."

"And so the story went on, not of a miser who had hoarded dollar on dollar, but of a servant of God, who had helped many lives, and had lifted many of them out of misery and ignorance into the life of joy."

"On my way home from the funeral I stopped at the farm of another parishioner, who said to me, in a shrill, raving tone: "So poor Gould is dead? He left a poor account. Not a penny more than he got from his father. Now I started with nothing and look here! pointing to his broad fields. "I own down to the creek! Dye know why? Well I started to keep house I brought this into it the first thing I could see was in my law."

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1886.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We spent the most of three days, including Lord's day, on the Dorchester field. There are five preaching stations—Dorchester, Centreville, Fairfield, Woodville and Taylor Village.

This whole field is full of promise. It is comparatively new. Six years ago the work at Dorchester town had scarcely begun.

Fairfield and Centreville, each about four miles away, are interesting stations, where good congregations gather, and where many abasms await the earnest worker.

Bro. Dykeman is warmly remembered all over this field. God gave him the joy of harmony as he did to Bro. F. O. Weeks who preceded him.

from the reception of men into the ministry unqualified for his duties and responsibilities, that churches and even councils are not enough on their guard in the discharge of the solemn duties of licensing or ordaining a man to preach the gospel.

In a similar way, also, it often happens with an ordaining council. Delegates from sister churches meet at the call of a church to consider the propriety of ordaining a brother.

The following were the incomes of the great American Baptist Societies North and South, during the year 1885, as given in the Year Book.

Table with 2 columns: Society Name and Amount. Includes Amer. Bapt. Missionary Union, Amer. Bapt. Publication Society, etc.

This, however, does not include the amounts contributed to State Conventions, which, as far as reported, amount to about \$230,000.

The present labor trouble in the United States is a matter of the gravest apprehension. Hitherto America has been free from serious trouble of this kind.

That a man without special aptitude and training is competent to interfere in matters of legislation and trade is a fallacy for which Democratic government is in part to blame.

When a number of individuals of one party join their interests to obtain better terms from the other, the action is still justifiable; but when such a party banded together in this way, refuses to allow others to fill the places they have left, or attempts to coerce others to join in with them in their demand, we have a case of injustice.

To license or to ordain a man to preach the gospel is a church act fraught with great importance. The character of the ministry of a denomination is the measure of the power and promise.

It is to be feared, however, notwithstanding all the sad work which has resulted

physician in whom he had confidence. Laws of this kind have been on the statute books of several of the States for years, but have always remained a dead letter.

Every man is accountable for the prayer meeting's dullness. He who says, "that meeting was dull" condemns himself.

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The Laying of the Corner Stone of the New Baptist Church in Halifax.

The corner stone of the new Baptist church on Spring Garden Road was laid last week by Mrs. Cline, the pastor's wife, in the presence of a large assembly.

The Rev. Mr. Cline was the next speaker, he referred to the growth of the church since its foundation in 1827.

The architect is Mr. Ernest C. Fairweather of St. John; the contractor, Mr. Causey of Halifax. It is expected that the new building will be ready for occupation in December.

At a public meeting in the evening the opening prayer was made by Rev. A. W. Jordan of the African Baptist church, and addresses were made by Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. B. Brecken, Methodist, and Rev. Dr. Burns, Presbyterian.

On Wednesday morning the meeting of the Union began in Jarvis church. The retiring president, Rev. Dr. Thomas, introduced the president-elect, John Hayden, M. P. P., who delivered an excellent address on "Personal responsibility in Christian work."

He defined success in work as a very different nature to what the popular preacher who draws the crowd and the popular church who sustains the world accomplish: The work is to reach out to save others.

At the afternoon session Rev. Joseph Denovan, one of the directors of the Dominion Board appointed by the Convention of Manitoba, made important statements in behalf of the board, respecting the prospects of the mission work committed to them.

The Dominion Board of Baptist Home Missions being in constitution and object par-practical, must be an object of considerable interest to the Baptist Union here assembled, which is also constitutionally par-practical.

The Dominion Board, organized November 19th last, is the creation of a conviction almost simultaneously felt by all the Canadian Baptist conventions that there is now, and there might be to a much greater extent in the near future, some very important evangelistic work over the vast stretches of our home territory which the local conventions might be unable to undertake.

It was obvious at a glance that the Manitoba Baptist Home Mission Convention still necessarily so limited in men and means, could not be expected to undertake the prosecution of a work of such gigantic proportions, could not be expected to lay out so much money and labor for so many successive years with the prospect of returns necessarily so slow.

It is composed of directors elected by the various conventions in these provinces, viz.: From Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, 10; from the Province of Quebec, 3; from the Province of Ontario, 5; and from the Province of Manitoba, 3.

1. Its method of operations is substantially this: To perform Home Mission work, or assist in the performance of it, in any part of the Dominion of Canada, Eastern, Central, or Western, which the local conventions may be indisposed or unable to undertake, but always under the express conditions, viz.: (1) The local convention or board, possesses a prescriptive right to the first selection of points of labor within what may be regarded as its own geographical boundaries.

Notwithstanding all the caution and mature experience employed in the construction of the constitution of the Dominion Board, and notwithstanding the care with which the different conventions undoubtedly elected their representatives on the executive, when the new organization began to work, there was, as is the case with all new machinery, the manifestations of some friction.

Every man is accountable for the prayer meeting's dullness. He who says, "that meeting was dull" condemns himself.

He emphasized the importance of all churches, both small and great, being organized for work. Paul, the greatest preacher of the first century, was also a great organizer.

1. In Manitoba we are arranging to assist Emerson, Morden, Pilot Mound and Clearwater, Rapid City and Oakburn and Stratclair, and are in correspondence with Birdie and Carman.

2. In the North-west Territories we propose aiding Moomwin, and are seeking full information, with reference to possible future action, from Calgary, Qu'Appelle, Regina, Lettbridge and Prince Albert, Deloraine, Killarny, Longvale, and Carnduff.

3. In British Columbia we propose aiding New Westminster.

1. Of letting you see that we have laborious and trying to perform the task honestly labored for our work has been both imposed upon us by the four Baptist conventions of Canada.

2. Of letting you see there is even already a very fair prospect of a prosperous future to your new organization.

3. Of securing your prayerful sympathy and earnest co-operation when you return home, and removing from your minds any wrong impressions that may have unhappily been made up them by imperfect reports.

To every thoughtful mind it must be evident that the creation of this Board could not fail to create at its introduction some slight friction among existing institutions, simply because it is a new element among them, and as such needs some time and patient manipulation to get it into its proper place among them.

presented to the Union on Wednesday afternoon, April 28th. Returns had been received from but seventy-five churches. Some very cheering news appeared—Forty young men in these churches have the ministry in view; there were 1,016 additions by baptism, which indicates, it was judged, some 2000 in all the churches.

At the Evening Session, Rev. J. R. Simmons, D. D., of the American Baptist Publication Society, delivered an address on "The Importance of the Home Mission Work."

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The executive of the Board has unanimously recommended to each of the ten associations the appointment of a local Board of H. Missions, one of whom shall be a member of the general executive Board. These boards are to be specially charged with the examination of fields, the collection of funds, and reporting for the information of the central Board. It is very generally believed that these associational Boards will supply a missing link in the work of Home Missions.

At the afternoon session the Church Edifice society and the Superannuated Ministers Society each brought forward their claims for increasing support from the denomination. Some discussion was also had in reference to the future of the Union. It seemed to be a general conclusion that the Union was "growing," but just what it would turn out to be no one was prepared to say.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION of Toronto Baptist college was held in the evening in Jarvis street church. A large congregation was present. Addresses were delivered by the following members of the graduating class:

- Geo. C. Chandler—"The old Catholics and the National Council"
 - T. S. McCall, M. A.—"Some qualifications of an interpreter"
 - W. T. Sowerby—"Man, what is he?"
 - A. G. Wier, B. A.—"Faith and the system of nature"
 - C. W. Williams, B. A.—"The leadership of the pulpit"
- The following graduates received their diplomas:
- Geo. C. Chandler, Toronto
 - H. G. Frazer, Paisley
 - C. E. Lee, Winnipeg
 - T. S. McCall, M. A., Toronto
 - A. T. Sowerby, Georgetown, Ontario
 - W. McI. Walker, B. A., Barris, Ont.
 - W. C. Wier, B. A., Guelph
 - C. W. Williams, B. A., Wolfville

RESOLVES PASSED. C. E. Baker, Aylesford. T. H. Carey, Hat Rock, Michigan. E. J. Haines, Cheltenham, Ontario. D. McLennan, Walkerton, Ontario. Archibald McNeil, Minden, Ontario. The degree of Bachelor in Divinity was conferred upon Rev. P. A. McIlwain, B. A., of Osgoosh, Ontario; and Rev. Andrew Murdoch, LL. D., of St. Catharines. Rev. G. M. W. Carey, of Bradford, graduate of Rochester Theological college, were admitted ad eundem gradum in Toronto Baptist College; as was also Rev. A. G. Upham, B. A., of Montreal, graduate of Newton Theological Institution.

The addresses of the students were well received by the large and intelligent audience, especially that of Mr. Williams. Acadia has always been worthily represented by him in McMaster Hall.

Rev. Dr. Castle presided, having members of the faculty beside him. In presenting the graduates with their diplomas he spoke with much earnestness and power. He said he trusted they regarded that hour as one of gladness. They were entering the ministry because they loved the souls of men, because they desired to honour Christ, because they felt called of God to consecrate their lives to the service of the Master in preaching the everlasting Gospel. He trusted they were now panting to be released, that they might enter at once upon the glorious toils to which they had consecrated their lives, and that the prospect of service in the pastoral relationship to the Churches, of ministering the Gospel constantly as their stated employment, of leading souls to Jesus Christ, of comforting the afflicted, or being leaders in the host of God, would be so attractive to them that the attractiveness of the prospect brought a gladness into their souls that nothing in the way of sadness at the breaking of tender ties could for one moment possibly eclipse. He wished to impress upon them the thought that they were to be preachers of positive truth, that they believed something, that they knew what they believed, and that they went forth in the name of Jesus Christ, with confidence in His revelation, with confidence in His divinity, with confidence in the efficacy of His sacrifice, with confidence in the power of the gospel, that they went forth with a positive message to men who are diseased with the disease of sin, that they believed in the power of the Holy Ghost, and in the personality of the Holy Ghost, and thus going forth that they would preach a positive gospel from the Bible, God's own word. They might preach that word with such power that their ministry would be constantly affected, and they would rejoice the presence of God. He was not sorry that they were going out to difficult fields. He was glad that there were before them earnest, honest toil that would tax them to the utmost. He was glad that there were rough places to be made smooth through their instrumentalities. He was glad that there were little churches to be built up and churches to be founded. He was glad they had right down hard work in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The hardship would make them strong; and the effort would make them great. Now and then he found brethren who were desirous of changing their fields of labour because there were difficulties. There were difficulties everywhere. He did not think the Lord would keep them in the world for half an hour if He had not some difficulties for them to overcome. They should go to the places to which God called them, and stay in the places where God placed them, and make their churches strong, effective, energetic, triumphant.

If they had the spirit of leaders, if they had belief in the Gospel, if they loved men, if the honour of Jesus Christ be the great aim before them, they had enough to fire them with zeal that would make them self-denying and triumphant over all the difficulties of their lot. He might speak to them words of tender sympathy, but he looked upon the calling of a Christian minister so grand, so noble, that wherever the young minister went he had no words but those of congratulation for him, and, if they had any right conception of their calling, they entered upon it with delight. "Go," he concluded, "with the blessing of your teachers, who have loved you; go with the blessing of Jesus Christ who has redeemed you; go under the Spirit who has regenerated you; go looking to a glorious consummation, and may God in infinite mercy make your message abundantly successful."

THE CLOSING SERVICE of the Baptist Union was held on Friday forenoon. An address was delivered on Foreign Missions, by Dr. Clarke. Dr. Read introduced a discussion on the Hymn Book question, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Chancellor Boyd, and after an interesting debate, was unanimously adopted:—"That the interests of the Baptist brotherhood throughout the Dominion of Canada would be promoted by a greater uniformity in the use of a suitable Hymn Book by our churches in the worship of the Lord's house." Rev. D. A. McGregor moved the following resolution, which was also unanimously adopted:—"That the following brethren be a committee to confer on this subject with a similar committee already appointed by the Maritime convention, and take such other steps as may in their judgment promote in the highest degree the objects contemplated."—Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, Prof. J. Donovan, Dr. Rand, Rev. Dr. Clarke, Prof. Wells, Mr. L. Wolverson, Rev. A. P. McDermid, Mr. D. Bentley, Prof. Farmer, Rev. T. Trotter, Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Rev. A. A. Cameron, Mr. J. B. McArthur, Mrs. J. C. Yule, Rev. A. G. Upham, Rev. D. A. McGregor.

There does not seem to be any good reason why a bond of fellowship may not be had among the Baptists of Canada through this movement. There are no less than six different Hymn Books used in public worship by the Baptist churches of Toronto. WOODSTOCK COLLEGE. Mr. C. Raymond, chairman of the Woodstock trustees, stated that the Board was in a position to announce that Woodstock college would be continued, and that a great advance would soon be made. The Board, however, could not for a few weeks make public their arguments and plans.

RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions were passed recommending the fusion of the conventions East and West; urging upon the Dominion Board of Home Missions the consideration of means by which the work of the Grand Ligne mission may be brought nearer to the hearts of the Baptists of the Dominion; and commending to the churches the claims of the Church Edifice Society. Rev. J. W. A. Stewart was chosen president for the ensuing year, and Dr. Clarke secretary.

T. H. R. Toronto, May 1st, 1886.

Notes by the Way. In the Carleton church, of which the Rev. J. Cahill is pastor, I found matters in a very satisfactory state. The evening services of the church had been quite thin attended for some time on account of the meetings of the Salvation Army, but the people are returning to their first love. The financial aspect of Carleton is not very cheering at present. The catch of fish, on which many depend for a livelihood, was not good and the prices were by no means remunerative. A great many persons who carried their living as ship-carpenters, calkers, or laborers in ship-yards, have found but little employment of late. The volume of general business has consequently diminished and the price of real estate is exceedingly low. I was sorry to find that the Rev. J. Cahill had suffered from overwork and that he had been ordered to take a six months rest. A pulpit supply is needed for that time.

Leinster Street church in the city is making commendable progress under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. A. Gordon. The heavy debt on the church has been greatly reduced and the people are much encouraged.

Rev. G. O. Gates is laboring indefatigably and successfully at Germain Street. He is assisted by a fine band of youthful workers, but the large debt on the church is a heavy clog on the wheels of its progress.

In the Portland church matters are very prosperous. Rev. W. J. Stewart, the leader, is one of our best pastors and most successful ministers. The Convention Scheme is being well worked, and I think the church will have a good record this year.

On Saturday, May 1st, I left St. John for St. Martin, and was detained on the Rev. G. E. Good's field until Monday. The pastor and myself called on our aged Bro. Bradshaw, who has done so nobly for our denomination. Although in his 91st year he was at work in his garden. He remarked that if his bearing was as good as formerly he would be about 40 years of age.

On Sabbath morning I went with the pastor to Norton; preached to the people,

delivered an address on our Convention work, and helped administer the Lord's Supper. The morning was delightful, and the excellent singing, without choir or organ, of tunes familiar almost from childhood, with the apparently earnest and devoted attention of the hearers, made one feel that this place was indeed a Bethel—a house of God. In the afternoon it was my privilege to preach at Hampton Station, and deliver an address on our denominational enterprises and needs. The evening found me at Hampton Village, where I conducted service similar to that of the morning. At the close of the day I felt that three sermons, three addresses, and assisting at two Communion Services were quite enough for the strongest on one Lord's Day.

On Monday the Rev. G. E. Good and myself went over to St. Martin by train. We found the road very rough and apparently unsafe in some places. We were glad to hear that it was soon to be repaired. Our train met with a slight mishap and we all had to do duty to set things right. I was reminded of the incident on our Western Counties Road a few years ago, when a cow seemed determined to take possession of the track, and a lusty Scotchman seized the animal, saying that he "would hold the cow unless the tail broke or pulled out." About an hour after the usual time we arrived at St. Martin, and found Rev. Dr. Bill with the team which our mutual friend, Capt. Geo. W. Masters, had kindly sent. At Dr. Bill's request we drove about two miles to inspect a new meeting-house in course of erection in this field. It is a very neat and well proportioned building, and when finished will be a great blessing to the community. St. Martin is really a beautiful village. It lies in the form of a semicircle, at the base of a low mountain range with the Bay in front. The climate is more temperate perhaps than in any other place in N. B. With every natural advantage it should be a favourite summer resort.

More than eleven years ago, at the age of 76, Dr. Bill undertook the pastorate of the church in this place, and his labors have been abundantly successful. Not only the church, but the whole community have felt the benefit of his efforts in behalf of moral reform. He continues to do regular pastoral work and to assist several temperance organizations in their endeavors to benefit man. As I thought of his great success as a minister of the Gospel, and as a former editor of the Christian Visitor, of his labors on behalf of higher education, and temperance; of his having baptized a brother now among the glorified, united me in marriage to the object of my choice, and preached my ordination sermon, I felt like saying Godspeed! to the venerable man whom the Lord has greatly blessed all through his long life. With such reminiscences it was a privilege to conduct a missionary meeting in his church. After I had spoken at length on the convention scheme the Rev. G. E. Good, of Hampton, and Dr. Bill, delivered interesting addresses. The collection was taken and cards were distributed.

A young man is very much needed on this field as pastor's assistant. The sphere of labor is promising and the support will be satisfactory. It is true times here as elsewhere are very much depressed. Lumbering and Ship-building which were carried on successfully, are nearly at a stand-still. There are fine agricultural and piscatorial advantages near by, but as the people are not accustomed to farming or fishing they leave for other parts. Many substantial persons, however, will remain. There is reason to hope that the church here will do well for our denominational work. Will not all our churches help as God has prospered them. A few weeks since the churches of our denomination in the United States listened to the appeals of their Foreign Missionary Board, removed its heavy debt, and left a few hundred dollars in its treasury. Will not our churches listen to our appeal in behalf of all our boards and come at once to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Our Presbyterian brethren in these Provinces are giving largely this year. Do Baptist Christians love the Master less than they? All our churches will be reported to the Convention. A large number has as yet made no returns. They will surely not allow themselves to be thus reported at the end of the year. Make an early remittance brethren and make it as large as possible. The Master still sits over against the treasury.

An Aid Fund for Church Building. Several appeals for aid in building houses of worship are before the people. It may be assumed that all they represent deserving objects. And yet coming, as they do, from individuals for particular localities, it is hardly to be expected that they would call forth a general response. Every year calls of this nature are made. In some instances assistance has been asked in vain for churches that ought to have been helped. If this matter of aiding in the erection of houses of worship in destitute fields were committed to some one of the Convention's Boards, is it not probable that there would be a more general interest in it, and more promise of steady progress? If it was known that the Home Mission Board were ready to render aid for this object, I must believe that by the large gifts of some, and the smaller gifts of the many, they would find funds in hand by which valuable assistance could be given in the erection of several houses every year.

A. W. SAWYER.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

LUTES MOVED.—Five more were added to this church yesterday by baptism making nineteen in all since the work began, besides two restored. Yesterday was a good day with us. The church has been, indeed, much quickened and strengthened. The most important, I may say, the redeeming feature of our meetings is the spirit of prayer, that pervades them all, and that spirit is permeating and moving the whole community, and such prayers must prevail. Surely the christian readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR are praying for us. May they still pray more earnestly.

MAY 4. D. P. HARRIS. NORTH SYDNEY.—We have closed our special services in the town, but there are still some seeking for salvation. At the close of our Sabbath evening meeting five persons rose for prayers. At the North West Arm our meetings are largely attended, and many are requesting the prayers of God's people. We also continue our special meetings, and evening this week we are praying for a larger measure of blessing than we have yet received. On Sabbath morning I baptized five believers in Jesus, and welcomed six into the church. We have added one hundred to our membership in ten weeks. J. W. BARSCOFF.

MAY 4. BELLEVUE.—Two were baptized here by Bro. Bradshaw on Lord's day May 2.

LAWRENCE.—It was our privilege to bury one brother in baptism yesterday.

MAY 3. S. H. C. SYDNEY, C. B.—God is still richly blessing the Sydney church. It was my privilege to baptize four converts on Sunday April 25, and six more yesterday. Our last conference and Lord's Supper were both larger than I have ever before witnessed in connection with this church. Our esteemed Bro. Rev. D. G. McDonald, has preached for us several times since his return to this island, and always with great profit to his hearers. E. P. COLWELL.

MAY 3. GUYVILLE ST., HALIFAX.—The corner stone of the new church was laid last week. We expect from Bro. King an account of the ceremonies. We congratulate this old and important church on this new era in its history.

HOWELL.—The Day Spring from on high has again visited us in the Albert Section of this extended field. We are in the midst of a glorious revival and a pouring of Divine Grace. Precious souls have been brought from nature's darkness, and transplanted into the kingdom of God's dear Son. Last Sabbath was truly an occasion, when heaven and earth appeared to meet in our midst. The baptismal waters were visited, and five happy believers were submerged beneath our Jordan's wave in the presence of a very large and reverential crowd of spectators. Praise God forever for his refreshing presence. Cold and indifferent hearts have been roused to a sense of their duty and very many are under deep conviction of sin. To God alone be the glory and the honor. Amen. Brethren pray for us. G. P. MAINWATER.

MAY 3. OXFORD, N. S.—Yesterday the rite of baptism was administered in Little River, in the presence of quite a large gathering of persons. The Lord was with us to own and bless his appointed ordinance. A serene, the right hand of fellowship, and the Lord's Supper constituted the service in the house of prayer. It was a time of refreshing and strength to the church. Our Bro. H. B. Rushton has been laboring in the Westchester section of this country for some time, and God has blessed his efforts. There is to be baptism on Lord's day. I believe it is the desire of that people for him to labor with them a portion of his time; but they are poor and need help. We hope that our Missionary Board, if possible, will take the matter into favourable consideration and make the church there a grant, so that they may be able to retain the services of our Bro. I am now in the midst of a good work in Lunenburg. I believe the Lord is with us, and we hope to have something cheering to report before long. Expect to baptize again next Sabbath in Centerville. T. M. MEXICO.

MAY 2. RINDON, HALT CO.—It was my privilege to spend Sabbath, May 2nd, with the Baptist Church in Rawdon. The ordinance of Christian baptism was administered just before the afternoon service, and at the close of service the Lord's Supper was observed. In the morning the Sabbath school reorganized for full work, and prepared to be very prosperous, under the superintendency of Brother Roland Creed. It did my heart good to visit, once more, this congregation, generous and intelligent band of Christian workers. Six years ago it was my privilege to form their organization, and to welcome many of them into the fellowship of the church; and it gladdened my heart to find, that without one exception, the converts then brought in are faithfully holding on their way. The fact that some 150 men are congregated near Upper and Middle Rawdon in connection with salt and antimony mining operations, render this field all the more important. They are praying and looking for a faithful pastor, and they deserve one.

ISA WALLACE. CALVARY CHURCH, VICTORIA, B. C.—The new church edifice—child of many prayers and sacrifices—has been fully and satisfactorily completed. The beautiful and convenient building is a landmark of our progress, being the first house of our denomination in British Columbia. A good photograph (a little longer than cabinet size) of the church has been taken, which will be sent to any address on the receipt of 75 cents. Our friends who send for this picture will be helping our struggling cause in B. C., because all profits arising from the sale of the photographs, will be used in erecting a small house for our Baptist missions at Spring Ridge a suburb of Victoria. Please address, Rev. Walter Barnes, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE.—The Baptist church and congregation worshipping at Sonora, last summer accidentally lost their place of worship by fire. Since that time we have had to worship in the school-house, which is very inconvenient, as the house is seated to accommodate the school. The main building in this place are nearly all shanties. The house we lost was built by the fathers of some of them who had means and a heart to do it. Their children have a mind to build, but their means are small, as fish at the present day are a poor article in the market. A commencement to rebuilding in this place is now on the spot. And now, dear brethren and friends, if you can lend us a helping hand, you will do us

a great favor. A donation from any brother or friend will be most thankfully received. We want to hold our ground as Baptists in this community, prosper, and to do that we must have a place to worship in, and a minister to preach to us at least some portion of his time. The good brother who settles at Port Hillford will take in Sonora as a part of his field of labor. Now, dear brethren, our hope is that you will do something for us, and what you may feel disposed to give you will please to forward and address to CAPTAIN JOHN DICKSON, Sherbrooke, Sonora, County Guysboro, N. S.

And the same will be acknowledged in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Signed in behalf of the Baptist church and congregation worshipping at Sonora. H. EAGLES, their former pastor.

AMHERST.—The Amherst church is having a blessing. On Lord's day, May 2nd, five were baptized, and several others were received for baptism, at last report, for the first time. There have been only a few special meetings. Let some of the churches that have not been blessed with ingathering fall to wait on God for the saving power. It is not too late to expect a blessing. God's power is always ready.

CENTRAL CHEBROUKE.—I had the pleasure of baptizing two young sisters on Sabbath May 2nd. May the Lord refresh us still more with his presence in our prayer. J. D. SEYMOUR.

OXFORD, N. S.—Since I last visited my native town a tidal wave of salvation has swept over it, and God has made known his love and power and mercy in the salvation of the lost. Some of the most vile and rebellious have been cleansed and subdued by saving grace and still God's work goes on. Sunday, May 2nd, was spent with Rev. Mr. Munroe. This worthy servant of the Lord is doing a good work for the Master in extending the triumphs of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Leaving Oxford on Monday I arrived at Westchester station where a team was in waiting to convey me to Westchester, a distance of eight miles, where we met Bro. H. B. Rushton, who is laboring most earnestly to build up the cause of the Redeemer in that locality. As this is a poor section of the country and our Bro. does scarcely any remuneration for his preaching. Our H. M. Board should do something for his support. At 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning we gathered at Southern Lake, lying between Folly and Cobeguid mountains, where in the presence of a large and deeply interested assemblage I administered the ordinance of baptism to six rejoicing candidates. After preaching by the writer they were received into the Westchester Bap. church.

PERSONALS. Bro. W. B. Bradshaw writes: I have resigned at Billtown, and my health is so well restored that I will be ready to undertake another pastorate at the expiration of my term here. Here is a chance for a good field to get a good man.

Bro. A. W. Barnes writes: I am in receipt of an anonymous call to the pastorate of the Port Medway field, but have not yet fully decided to accept it. Expect to visit the churches again next Sabbath, when probably the matter will be decided. There appears to be an opening for good to be done. The people appear anxious to have the Gospel preached to them. The first sheaves have been already gathered, and communicated to you last week the fact of having baptized three at Port Medway, and others are evidently looking toward the church. It is to be hoped that this struggling church may secure the services of so earnest and experienced a man.

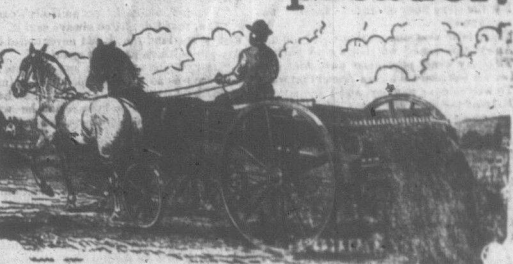
The Rev. W. E. Vickery has been supplying at S'ide, P. E. I., for a few Sundays; he reports the outlook on the island to be encouraging.

Rev. J. M. Young, for a time pastor of the Milton Baptist church, Yarmouth, has accepted the pastorate of the churches at Bear River, and Simons Cove. These two churches make a field which will tax the best energies of any man, and Bro. Young will need all his strength to meet its demands. May grace and wisdom be given.

The Rev. George Armstrong D. D., has accepted a call to Port Hawkesbury.

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CHAPTER XXI.—Continued. "You don't know, Kate, I will try, anyhow, and I promised to hold, and I know she would want him brought home..."

sentences were mixed, but his listeners knew what he meant. John's face was dark; he was very low down...

There was a sound of feet outside, and a quick knock at the half-closed door. "What's the matter? Is my boy here? Why, Holly, how is it? Kate, good evening; father hurt? Let me look at it..."

He pushed rapidly by and reached the door. There followed a careful examination, and short, decisive directions to one and another of those who looked on. At last the doctor turned to the bed.

It was Holly who met the family at the door. Kate was the first to climb the high step. "You are not to be frightened," Holly said, holding the lamp so that she could not see into the room.

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Some Occupations For Girls. BY MARIOS TAYLOR.

"Many a time and oft" has the question, "What shall we do with our girls?" been ably discussed by Mrs. Livermore.

On graduating from or otherwise leaving school, the majority of young women either are obliged to earn their living, or else prefer to, for reasons best known to themselves.

It is a "easy way" of earning a living, one has more time to one's self, it is a higher-toned, more respectable, etc.

Writing in an office, book-keeping, or teaching, are often times the occupations next in vogue. To be a good saleswoman requires as much tact and patience as to teach school.

For the young women of higher education there are, to be sure, the professions—medicine, law, the ministry, even and why not dentistry?

But, having begun this with no intention of speaking of pursuits for college-educated women, I will delay no longer on this point.

House-keeping is a most valuable accomplishment, and, like with all other occupations, which may well be suggested, in the present status of society, it is considered hardly "the thing" for young American women.

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the family may have to suffer for a time from lack of food and shelter, but the influence of the servant is often had (especially if young children be in the family), and her presence inconvenient or unpleasant. It is an excellent opportunity for the young lady to learn, and few fathers will deny this privilege to their daughters, should they really care to try this occupation.

Doubtless there may be those who think I am too hard on the school-teacher, but I think these sentiments, and given utterance to them. Far be it from me to discourage girls who have just begun teaching, or to disparage women who have been teaching all their lives. I work to hold back that vocational girls and young women who are fitted for something else rather than that, and who could shine far more brilliantly in some other calling in life.

THE FARM. Fruit Trees. In regard to the care of an orchard, W. A. London says in the Rural Messenger: "I find that lime, wood ashes, and old iron put around the roots of declining trees, have a very beneficial effect. These fertilizers restore the trees to a healthy condition, and also greatly improve the fruit in quantity. I made the application, early last spring, as an experiment on Winesap and Never-Fail; about half a bushel mixed lime and ashes to each, and dug it in with a hoe some six feet around the trunk, and put the old iron immediately around the base of each.

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ed by me; I will be self-reliant and clothed myself; I will help him pay for the farm; help him educate the younger children." Such an one is a thousand times superior to the pale-fingered, betwined, jeweled substitutes for young women, who are good for nothing but to spend a father's hard-earned money.

The sensible young woman is brave. Heroism is not most seen upon great occasions, but in little things. The strength of life is in the power of each little, common act. Bravery is best exhibited, not in enduring things we cannot help, but in the small matters one might help. In such a little thing as dress is a field for heroism—in willingness to be neat and not fashionable, in daring to wear last winter's cloak, or last spring's bonnet, until you can afford to have another—in being superior to the laws of style. Some young women who would be willing to die for the flag of their country, will almost die, in an other sense, for the want of a little ribbon.

The sensible young woman makes the best of everything. What we want and what we do not need makes life miserable. A sensible young woman treats herself as she does her plants. She gives them all the sunshine there is. If there is but one little window in her room, she gives them the benefit of that, and if the sun comes round to them but once a day, she gives them the benefit of that. She does not lock them up in her closet and stife what life they have because they are so small, but she makes all the more of them because of their smallness. So the sensible young woman lets all the light there is come into her heart, pushing back her fears, and she is a young woman like a flower refusing the sunbeams which draw forth its beauty. It is by faith in Christ that her true self-reliance comes, and she is made brave and calm, and her life incarnate sunshine, bursting at last into the eternal fullness of the heavenly world. Such sensibleness wins the admiration of men and the approbation of God.

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