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THE SAD SIDE OF REVIVALS.

Some will read the above words questioning. We thought revivals were joyful events, all will say: can it be that they have a sad side?

It is doubtful if there is anything in this life altogether glad. Just as each bright side has its shadow, so of all things earthly there is no shadow of sadness every where to give pathos, the most joyous trial of life has its minor key, and there are some of its flowers so beautiful but have some withered leaves.

There are those among his church members whose careless, inconsistent lives have given him pain. As the interest had deepened, he has been possessed by an increasing longing to see them quickened into an earnest life.

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warmth and moisture of a summer day, we rejoice in the life and growth, but we are reminded by the air around us that what most promotes life most hastens decay. And so with revivals, when everything is most favorable to spiritual life, then it is that spiritual decay and death are most rapid in their fell work.

Time would fail us to speak of the shadow which often follows revivals, as some of those uniting with the church go back again to the old ways, and are worse than before, or who, instead of developing into strong christians, condemn themselves to perpetual spiritual babyhood, because they dwarf their souls in the first weeks of their new lives, by failure to begin right.

Our Lord sought the lost, and do not lose courage while he reigns.

TORONTO BAPTIST COLLEGE.

The Act of Incorporation of Toronto Baptist College, which we publish elsewhere, is a very important document. It will be seen that while the control of the finances of the Institution is in the hands of the Trustees, the oversight of the course of education in the College, and the power to appoint and dismiss instructors, is in the hands of the Senate, under certain reservations.

GENERAL GRANT.

Never has Gen. Grant appeared grander than in the last few weeks as he has stood face to face with death. His quiet patience, his unflinching endurance, as the cancer is slowly eating out his life, reveal qualities more heroic than those exhibited on battle fields.

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blest with temporal good, a better portion than earth has held for any. Probably before our next issue reaches our readers, Gen. Grant will be no more. How little it matters, after all, in the light of the dying day, what else a man has been, if he is not a believer on Christ to the saving of the soul, or what matters it what he has not been, if he be but this. We can all be as great as the greatest there, if we will, and many of earth's greatest there will be as little as the least. The great matter of life is to be prepared for death, because the true greatness of this life is its connection with the life to come.

OUR YOUNG SOLDIERS.

Nearly four hundred of our young men have started on their way to share in the hardships and dangers of the war in the Northwest. From what we hear they are right brave fellows who will give a good account of themselves, if called upon to have a "baptism of fire." It is the first time in this generation that the threat of serious war has come so near to us, and it is well that our volunteers show themselves worthy sons of plucky ancestors, and are ready to present their breasts to the foe that would harm their country or their countrymen and fellow-men.

Their journey from Halifax has been a perfect ovation. In Halifax almost the whole city turned out to give them a parting God-speed, and at all the principal stations in their route there were crowds assembled to show their regard for the lucky fellows who had responded so readily to the call of their country.

Now that they have gone, however, and the beating of drums, the martial music, and the buzz has died away, let us look back on the scenes. While we follow our young men on their way to the front with our sympathies, let us not forget the anxious mothers, sisters and friends who are our own flesh and blood, and who are ready to present their breasts to the foe that would harm their country or their countrymen and fellow-men.

There is another question—the most serious of all. Are all these men, saved? If any of them are not, are they prepared for what comes next? What then is the duty of Christians at this time? Let us sympathize with those whose dear ones have gone forth, as they wait anxiously for the issue, let us join the Christian parents and friends of these loyal fellow-countrymen who have gone forth as our representatives, as they pray for the shield of Divine protection to be thrown around their characters; most of all, let us pray that no soul may be hurried unprepared out of life. May God bless and shield our young men, and return them all again safely to those who wait for them at home!

HOLLIES.

We have received a communication from a reliable brother in Carleton Co., giving account of the trouble occasioned by so-called holiness people in that region. He says that churches are being divided by them, and much injury done. He refers to the case of our young brother, Arthur Williams, a licentiate of one of our Nova Scotia churches. This young man has been a student pastor of one, at least, of our churches. In "holiness" meetings not long since, he was led to believe himself still unconverted. He says he was baptized when seventeen years of age, and did not know what he was doing. At this meeting he declares that he was not only converted, but wholly sanctified. Under these circumstances he asked to be re-baptized, and was immersed by a Mr. Colpitts, a Free Baptist minister.

Did space permit, much testimony might be furnished as to the excellent results of the adoption of this system, but it must be omitted here. One church may at least be mentioned, which, a few years ago, while receiving its preaching free of charge, found it difficult to get together enough to provide light and fuel and make necessary repairs; immediately on adopting the envelope system its income increased manifoldly, and last year it raised upwards of thirteen hundred dollars, paying its pastor regularly each month, and finding itself at the end of the year without a dollar of debt. At one time its contributions to the "Convention Fund" were raised by quarterly subscriptions paid into the hands of collectors, often after many visits, and about thirty dollars per annum were raised. The Envelope System was adopted and the contributions for that object went up at once to about one hundred and twenty dollars per annum. Let this suffice.

Systematic Giving.

Let me state three facts:

First. The amount of money contributed by our people for the carrying on of the work of the individual churches and the enterprises embraced in the "Convention Scheme" is not sufficient. Our pastors are poorly paid, and kept waiting too long for what they ought to receive promptly, and are thus subjected to inconveniences and humiliations that they ought not to be called upon to bear. The result is that they are to some extent unfitted for the right discharge of duties, burdensome and exacting enough under any circumstances, but doubly so under the pressure of poverty and debt.

Second. There is no necessity for the existence of this condition of things. Few of our people are rich, but notwithstanding the present very general depression in trade, the most of them are earning a comfortable livelihood, and know nothing about the grinding poverty to which the multitude in other countries are subjected from youth to old age. If the Baptists of these provinces were giving one-tenth of their income to the cause of God, which they ought to do, they would have no lack of the necessities of life, they would enjoy many of its luxuries, while a regular and ample supply of money would be available for the prosecution of all our enterprises.

Third. The cure for the present crippled condition of our finances is to be found in the weekly offering system. In 1 Cor. 16:2, Paul said to the Corinthian brethren and says to us, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." This is a simple rule, easily understood, easily carried out. Some, whose names are a blank amount know just what they can from week to week. With them the answering of the question, "How much more does our Lord?" is from their point of view exceedingly simple. There are very few who cannot form an estimate of income, which can be revised from time to time. Let one-tenth of the weekly wage be set aside as sacred for the Masters' use. Out of this a reasonable proportion is assigned for the current expenses of the church including the pastor's salary; a further sum be appropriated to the "Convention Fund" and let these sums, in separate envelopes, be placed upon the collection plates at the Lord's day. What is left of the tithe after the two objects above mentioned have been provided for can be retained to form a fund to be drawn upon as the Masters' claims may seem to demand.

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

It is simply the result of the orderly development of the Weekly Offering System, has been adopted by some of our churches with the most gratifying results. These results depend largely upon the fidelity and painstaking of those who have the management of the business, for no system, however perfect, will run itself. The best will fail unless carried out by men of intelligence and earnest purpose, but with such men in charge of the finances of our churches, this system will enable them to accomplish results that could not be hoped for in the use of the ordinary methods. Let it be distinctly understood, also that while the results will be greatly increased, the labor and friction connected with the raising of money for religious purposes will be greatly decreased—the contributions of the willing happy people coming in each week like the gentle showers that brighten and gladden wherever they fall.

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Building Operations.

at the end of each quarter, a very necessary part of the work. The envelopes, ready for use, cost one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per thousand or about nine cents per annum for each contributor; the notice of amount in arrears cost thirty cents (30¢) per hundred; the Record, which will last a church of about sixty contributors twelve years, costs three dollars (\$3.00).

There are other systems in use, not so complete and consequently not so satisfactory in their results, that can be got up at a somewhat smaller cost; but comparing the different systems by their results, the only fair comparison, that which is here suggested, will be found the most satisfactory. Below are fac-similes of the envelopes used:

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."—1 Cor. xvi. 2.

No. DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH. CURRENT EXPENSES. Sabbath, June 21st, 1885. God loveth a cheerful giver.—3 Cor. ix. 7.

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No. DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH. CONVENTION FUND. Sabbath, April 19th, 1885. God loveth a cheerful giver.—3 Cor. ix. 7.

It is essential that at the start each man, woman and child, in the congregation be visited and the pledge of a definite sum per week, HOWEVER SMALL, be obtained; it being understood that contributors may change the amount of their contributions as circumstances may seem to demand, due notice being given to the Treasurer. When the congregation has been thoroughly conversed, send an order to the Baptist Book Room, Halifax, for a complete outfit, viz:

- 1. Fifty-two (52) envelopes per annum for each subscriber, including a few extra sets for those who may be added to the list during the year. 2. A Register. 3. A sufficient quantity of notices of arrears, say two hundred to begin with. State the dates for which the envelopes are required, ending with the last Sabbath of a quarter. Geo. A. McDONALD. Sec'y B. & T. Society.

Settling from Toronto.

THE REBELLION in the North-West is now the principal topic of conversation, and the city is a good deal stirred over it. Hundreds and even thousands of volunteers in the different cities and towns of Ontario are offering their services to the Government, and they are being despatched with all possible haste to the scene of the trouble. Over a thousand left a week ago. Their departure from Union Station was witnessed by an immense crowd of citizens. They reached Winnipeg last night, and are expected to arrive at Qu'Appelle to-day (April 6th), whence they will proceed north in quest of the enemy. Before these lines can reach your readers it will be known whether the rebels will venture to fight or not. At this juncture it would be impossible to say how long the rebellion may last. My own opinion is that it will be of short duration. I do not believe the half-breeds will risk a square engagement with greatly superior numbers, and should they see to the west, want of food alone—would soon compel them to come out and surrender. It is to be hoped that Kiel, the chief instigator of the rising, and those whom he has associated with himself in the so-called provisional government, will be captured and dealt with as they deserve.

THE PAST WINTER.

has been one of the coldest in the memory of living men, and the present spring is very backward. A year ago people had begun to work in their gardens and dress their lawns, but now the ground is still covered with snow. Nevertheless building operations have commenced in earnest, and they will be conducted on a large scale during the present summer. The buildings now in process of erection and soon to be commenced may be counted by the hundred. These include not only stores and warehouses, but also a new Episcopal Cathedral and new Parliament Buildings. For these last, three quarters of a million dollars were recently voted by the Provincial Legislature, which sum will probably be supplemented by a quarter of a million more, when the buildings are completed. But for all this expenditure Ontario has plenty of money, as six or eight millions of dollars are now lying in the form of an accumulated surplus to her credit. The principal promoters of the new Cathedral movement belong to the High Church party, between whom and the Low Church party there does not appear to be the profoundest harmony of feeling and action. The present Cathedral (St. James) is chiefly controlled by the latter, as also Wyldiffe College (Theological), while Trinity College is run more exclusively in the interest of the former. As the result of these extensive

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building operations the city is expanding northwards and each way along the shore of the lake, and its increase in wealth keeps pace with its increase in population. A great many persons who have made money enough in other parts of Ontario to retire on, come to Toronto to invest it and live on account of its superior attractions and advantages as compared with any other city in the Dominion. Senator McMaster told me the other day that when he began business in Toronto there were but two brick houses in it; I am not aware that any one has tried to count how many thousands there are in it now.

KNOW COLLEGE.

The Presbyterian Theological School of Toronto, has just concluded the work of another year, and its students have gone forth to their several mission fields for the summer. Unusual interest was given to the closing exercises of the College by the presence of Dr. Patton from Princeton, who lectured last Monday evening on "The Philosophical objections to Theism," and in a most masterly way refuted these objections. The lecture occupied over two hours in its delivery. On the following afternoon, on the occasion of the conferring of degrees, he spoke on Theological Education, showing that in order to meet the growing demands of Theological science, our Theological schools will have to be enlarged and new chairs created in different departments.

IN CHAMBERLAIN HALL.

The advance work of the term is nearly completed. The examinations will begin about the 15th. The College has had a very prosperous and happy year. Ten young men will graduate. The closing exercises of the College will probably take place on the evening of the 28th, in Jarvis St. Church. The meetings of the Baptist Union will be held during the same week.

News.

A Sunday in Halifax.

At 10 to 11 a. m. I enjoyed the social "hour of prayer" at North Baptist church; 11 a. m., an excellent discourse by Rev. J. W. Manning on the resurrection, Matt. 28:6. "He is risen, as He said," 1:30 p. m., attended North Baptist Sabbath school, (we missed our friend Sp. J. Parsons, who for years has so successfully conducted this school). 3:30. Very interesting Mission Band meeting, president Denton directing pleasant recitations by members—cheery letter from Miss Wright to the Board, (from Bimilipatan, 10,000 miles away), read by Mrs. Manning and touchingly commented on. The writer requested the members to pray for her success. The President's "Missionary Questions" were instructive. Let such Mission Band work be generally adopted and the future treasury will not be empty nor lacking. Train the youth. 4:30, a thrilling address in Y. M. C. A. Hall by Rev. Dr. Burns, on "The Christian Armour," with special reference to the drafted volunteers of the Association for service in the Northwest. 6 p. m., a social hour spent in the pleasant home of your friend and correspondent, "Sea Side." 7 p. m., an able discourse by Rev. Mr. Cline, at St. 8:30, social meeting in Granville Street church; 8:40 to 9:30, at Women's Christian Temperance Union, where earnest prayers were offered, and touching appeals made to a class of people not usually reached by the church services; a noble work. Thus you see there is no lack of religious Sabbath services here. Halifax is a wicked city, yet there is a good religious and temperance element, which is gradually moulding public opinion in a right direction. May this good leaven permeate the masses until hundreds and thousands, now ensnared, shall be guided into the narrow path of life. W. J. G.

An Act to Amend the Act Incorporating the Toronto Baptist College.

Whereas the trustees of the Toronto Baptist College have by their petition prayed for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said trustees, being an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and chaptered eighty-seven, intitled An Act to incorporate the Toronto Baptist College, with a view to securing to the dominion a more direct voice in the management of the College, and to otherwise increase the efficiency thereof; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows—

- 1. The name of the said corporation is hereby changed for "The Trustees of the Toronto Baptist College" to "The Toronto Baptist College." 2. The Board of trustees is hereby constituted, and shall possess the same powers, rights and authorities as heretofore, unless where other provision is made by this Act. 3. A college senate shall be appointed, as hereinafter provided; such senate shall be composed of representatives of the following bodies:— (a) Of the Board of Trustees; (b) Of the Faculty of the College; (c) Of the Faculty of Acadia College; (d) Of the Faculty of Woodstock College; (e) Of the Alumni of Toronto Baptist College. (f) Of each of the four Conventions of the Regular Baptists in Canada, namely,— "The Baptist Missionary Convention of Ontario," "The Baptist Missionary Convention, East," "The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces," and "The Baptist Convention of Manitoba and the North West." (g) The representatives of the board

Diphtheria in 3.

Since our rejoicing in Halifax and a half year, we fight of diphtheria, except a few of its fearful ravages in the death of our own dear ones, three more of our homes are by this dreadful scourge, and by the accompanying loss of life. It almost seems as if the first that we might be the first to sympathize with our sad sisters. Our second loss to us after we had lost all severity. April 4th.

Love is joy, and all that they cannot be separated, as an exhibition to us of their person—a revelation of God as being a revelation of God—coming down thus to this glorious call, as a voice of God's eternity, "Enter your Lord"—H. Bushnell.

of shall be three in number, to be selected by the board from among the members thereof annually.

Representatives of the faculties of the College and of Woodstock College, respectively, shall be the principal officers for the time being of each of the colleges, and one of the professors of each college, selected by the respective faculties annually.

Representatives of each of the subdivisions shall be one representative of every thousand of fraction in excess of five thousand members of Regular Churches within the bounds of said Counties from time to time, and shall be elected by such Conventions respectively.

Any new Convention shall be organized for the same purposes as existing Conventions, and be recognized by Regular Baptist denomination, every such Convention shall thereafter be sent to representation in said Senate on the same basis as existing Conventions.

After the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, no person shall be eligible for election to a position in said Senate unless he has been a member in good standing of the Regular Baptist Church in Canada, and all persons accepting a position in said Senate shall be understood by such acceptance, to give an unqualified assent to the following articles of the Constitution of the Regular Baptist Church in Canada, as revised by the General Conference of 1861.

1. The Senate shall have the control and management of the system of courses of education pursued in the college, and shall report all proceedings to the board of trustees at each annual meeting of the said board.

2. The Senate shall make recommendations from time to time to the board of trustees for the appointment or dismissal of professors, tutors and teachers, and shall have the right by a majority of three-fourths of the members present at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, to appoint or dismiss in case the board of trustees shall have rejected two successive recommendations of different persons for the same position, or shall have refused twice to dismiss on separate recommendations of the Senate for dismissal of any professor, tutor or teacher, and no professor, tutor or teacher shall be appointed or dismissed by the board except upon the recommendation of the Senate, and if the board shall fail to take definite and final action upon any recommendation submitted to it before the meeting of the annual meeting within three months next after such annual meeting, such failure shall be deemed to be a rejection or refusal within the meaning of this clause.

3. The quorum of the Senate shall be ten, or such larger number as the Senate may fix.

4. The Senate shall hold its first meeting in McMaster Hall, in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, the third day of November next, after the passing of this Act, of which meeting public notice shall be given by advertisement, published for at least four weeks prior thereto, in the newspaper called "The Canadian Baptist, and in the newspaper published in St. John, N. B., called the "Messenger and Visitor, and thereafter all meetings of said Senate, regular and special, shall from time to time be held at such time and place, at such intervals, and in such manner, and subject to such rules as may be determined by the Senate by statute.

5. The Senate may elect such officers, thereof from time to time, in such manner, and for such terms, as may be provided for by its statutes.

6. The doing of mission work by students of the college, or by students pursuing in any other school, college or institution a course of instruction preparatory to a theological course in said college, shall be deemed to be a purpose of the college within the meaning of the eighth section of the Act incorporating the said college.

Since our sojourn in Hebron, now about eight and a half years, we have known little of diphtheria, except as we have heard of its fearful ravages in other places. Since the death of our own dear Harriet, on the 11th of March, aged 6 years and 5 months, three more of our homes have been made desolate by this dreadful scourge, as will be seen by the accompanying death notices. It almost seems as if the blow fell upon us first that we might be the better prepared to sympathize with our afflicted brethren and sisters. Our second boy was spared to us after we had lost all hope of his recovery.

April 14th. Love is joy, and all true joy is love; they cannot be separated. And Christ is an exhibition to us of this fact in his own person—a revelation of God's eternal joy, as being a revelation of God's eternal love, as being down thus to enter in our own glorious call, as a voice, sounding out of God's glory, "Behold ye into the joy of your Lord."—H. Bushnell.

Improve Your Time.

Someone has said: "Let me do all the good I can, for I shall pass this way but once." This sentence is full of meaning. Our course onward is as inevitable as the alternating of day and night, and we pass one point in life but once. There is no turning back at the end by which we can retrace our steps, and live life over, and hence the importance of making the most of passing days—passing hours—in personal effort to do good. If the little insect, whose whole life is circumscribed to a single day, can rejoice in existence, as it seems to, much more we, whose lives and acts run parallel with eternity. He who never errs has given us being, and placed us here for a purpose, and given us abilities and facilities for work, and our earnest individual inquiry should be, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Opportunities for usefulness are thrown across our pathway, and the old adage applies, "Where there is a will, there is a way." Hardly a day passes that does not afford an occasion in which we can benefit some one in some way. It may be to give a "twopenny" to an unfortunate one fallen among thieves. It may be to reclaim an erring one; to speak a word of warning to the tempted one; a word of comfort to the sorrowing, or it may be, only a word of cheer to the desponding. "Kind words can never die." We can be joy-bearing agents in this world of sin and sorrow. Said the Saviour: "Ye have the poor with you always, and whenever ye will, ye may do them good." We can set influences to work that may be felt around the globe; touch chords whose vibrations may not end while time shall last.

But opportunities come but once; they come and are gone, not to return, often as fast as the morning cloud and early dew. Our obligation to improve them is commensurate with our ability, and this should be a stimulant to Christian activity—to seize the passing chances for doing good. It should be a matter of joy that we have opportunities for usefulness. Like the war horse we should be restless for the battle, that we may contribute something for the good of humanity and the glory of God. Life is too short and the work too great, to let a single chance pass unimproved, for the night cometh when no man can work.

We may not—we should not—lose sight of the fact that as we now, so shall we reap. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. A blessed reward is promised and given to the faithful steward. Blessed is that servant whose his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing." We can not separate this life from the future. The mortal makes the immortal man. The fact invests human life with the utmost importance, since it gives character to the unending future existence. Neglected opportunities will add to the heart, and the reflection that they can not be recalled will deepen that sorrow. To such low fearful and poignant the words: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of these, ye did it not to me."

The Call of Omar has a maxim to this effect: "Four things come not back—the spoken word, the spent power, the spent life, the neglected opportunity." The spoken word may not return, but it may have been a word in season, and accomplished much. The spent arrow returns not, but it may have done its work well. The spent life may have fulfilled its mission for blessing others, but the neglected opportunity never leaves a reflected blessing behind it.

We close with these words of another: "Let us find our work. You preach a sermon; you give a tract; you hand a flower; you sing a song; you give a crutch to a lame man; you teach a Sunday-school class A. B. C.; you knit a pair of socks for a foundling; you pick the splinter from a child's finger. Do something! Do it now! We will be dead soon."—S. S. P., in Journal and Messenger.

Little Things.

No man is fit for God's service who is not willing to do little things. The people who are always waiting for an opportunity to do some great thing never accomplish anything. If you want to be wise, in winning souls, you must be ready to do just what the Spirit prompts you to do. It may be he will call you to go to the home of the drunkard, and stay there and mind the children while he or his wife goes out to listen to the word of God. If this were done by Christians generally, streams of salvation would break out in every quarter.

If you are going to work for God you must let him take care of your reputation. If you look for your reward here you will be doomed to disappointment. The reward will come hereafter. This is the time of Christ's humiliating, and we are to go "outside the camp bearing his reproach." The nearer you live to Christ, the nearer will be the things that worthy people will say about you. If you want the applause of the world, you had better give up Christian work, because you can not be useful in God's vineyard without the world beginning to slander and abuse you.—Woodly.

Our Table.

The enterprising publishers of Grip have begun the publication of a paper called the "Illustrated War News." It is to contain illustrations of scenes in the war in the Northwest, with the latest and most interesting news from the front. Price 15 cents per copy.

The Highland Boy's Faith.

A traveler in Scotland observed some choice and rare plants growing on the edge of a precipice. He could not reach them, but offered to a little Highland boy a handsome present if he would consent to be lowered to the spot by a rope around his waist. The boy hesitated, he looked at the money and thought of all that it would purchase, for his parents were poor, and had few of the comforts of life; but then as he glanced at the terrible precipice he shuddered and drew back. At length his eyes brightened, and he said, with decision: "I'll go if father will hold the rope." And he went. This boy's trust is a beautiful illustration of the faith which saves the soul; for as he put himself into his father's hands to be bound with the rope and lowered down the gorge to pluck the coveted flower, so must you put yourself into Christ's hands to be pardoned.

A minister in the Watchman, advises his brethren to "boil down" their sermons: "A teaspoonful of maple sugar is better than a bucketful of sap."

If you have found Christ, you can say you have. Never mind about the how! Any how! Only say it! A boy that is sent on an errand by his father has only one duty to perform, and that is to repeat what he was told. Whether we have any sequence or not, whether we have any logic or not, whether we can speak persuasively and gracefully or not, if we have got hold of Christ at all we can say we have; and it is at our peril that we do not. We can say it to somebody. There is surely somebody, there is one that will listen to you more readily than to anybody else. Surely you have not lived all your life and bound nobody to you by kindness and love, so that they will gladly listen to what you say. Well, then, use the power.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

DENVY.—Yesterday (Sunday, 5th) the ordinance of Baptism was again administered, the candidates obeying the command "Arise and be baptized." One was a brother, and another a sister, and both encourage the workers in our school to labor on in hope, trusting that others may follow the example of their classmate and give themselves to Christ.

During the past few weeks special services have been held with the branch of the church at Broad Cove; here the spirit of the Lord has been in wondrous measure poured out. Many who have been wanderers have returned. Anxious ones have cried "What must I do to be saved?" and several are rejoicing in a newly found Saviour.

BARRINGTON.—The Baptist and Free Baptist of Barrington have been doing a little courting. The meetings were very interesting and resulted in good to both of the churches. Six were added to each by baptism. Bro. Sidel of the F. B. church engaged in the work with much zeal and joy. His addresses were full of Gospel truths.

Some have been found—others are hiding themselves; and they all think the Secret Act very oppressive. W. H. B. is a member of the church.

PEPPERIDGE.—Bro. Davidson baptized three on Sunday, April 5th, making 22 in all since the good work began in this place.

BRIDGEWATER.—Glad to hear of the advance of the Lord's work, through the columns of the MESSANGER AND VISITOR, in so many places. Although silent, have not been uninterested in the reports from week to week. In my own field some mercy deeds are falling. Four young men were received for baptism Wednesday night at Pleasantville; 30 others asked the prayers of God's people. The work is deepening, others are expected soon. Also at LaHave church several have recently been converted, and the meetings for prayer are deeply interesting and largely attended. We hope to baptize there soon. Pray for us. I am still holding on here, hoping that the captivity of Zion will yet return in this town and sinners be converted.

New Ross.—We have been holding some special meetings here. The Lord is waiting to be gracious. If Christians were united, I am sure God would give us such a down-pouring of his Holy Spirit as that there should not be room enough to receive it. But God waits for us to bring all the tiles into the storehouse and give me. How can we stand in the way of the Lord when we know that we are hindering the saving of poor lost souls? Let us be more and more Christ-like. Let us ask ourselves, how would Christ do how would he have us do? We need to forget that we live, and let Christ be "all and in all to us." There must be a terrible curse on both pastor and flock who hinder the salvation of precious souls. There is a deep interest here. Souls are seeking Christ. God's people are alive, and speak and pray from a full heart. I do love to listen to God's people when they are moved. Why should we not always be moved? We have a glorious revival right along! Is God's love not the same? Is his boundless grace and mercy restricted, by times, that he cannot save? One woman, who has been a member of the English church for years, and a very intelligent person, has spoken frequently, and is earnestly seeking Jesus. Others are seeking. May we have a glorious time! May God refresh us!

brother has, by his marked adaptability for the most required by the church, and through the blessing of God, been the means of awakening a more lively interest in his cause. The church has been in a measure revived, and quite a number have professed faith in Christ, and been received by the church.

May the good work still go on until all the members are aroused to their duty, and many more brought to the Saviour.

The Hanport church, W. A. P. just finished one of the most comfortable parsonages in the country. On the 26th ult., when Bro. McLean took possession, the people gave him a home warming which was a heart warming as well. After spending a pleasant evening at the parsonage, they presented him with over \$100 in cash, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his labors.

Bro. McLean, of Hanport, preached Sunday evening at the North West rebellion; its cause, its extent, and its suppression.

TAYOR, P. E.—This church is still without a pastor, but the members are sustaining Sabbath and week evening services, also, P. E. H. How expects to take charge of this, and the church at Redegus in May.

CHESTER.—At Chester Basin, Lunenburg Co., N. S., April 18th, as Mr. David Hafise, a man 50 years of age, was at work in his mill, he was accidentally caught by a belt and killed instantly. Will forward further particulars next week. God sustain the family of our brother. Last Sabbath he was buried with Christ in baptism. This Sabbath he is with Christ in glory.

The good work of the Lord goes forward encouragingly at the Basin. We are also seeing good things in town. Several have hope in Christ. Many more are seeking the Lord. Pray for us.

J. F. KEMPTON.

PORTLAND.—Five persons were taken into the fellowship of the Portland Church yesterday, three by baptism and two by letter. The meetings continue deeply interesting, and many are seeking the Lord.

April 13, 1885.

YARMOUTH.—A cordial invitation having been extended to the Southern N. B. Association, by the Union St. church, St. Stephen, the next session of that body will be held at St. Stephen in June next.

YARMOUTH.—Four were baptized by Dr. Day on the 5th inst. May it be the beginning of a great work.

CHESTER BASIN.—A good day at Chester Basin last Sabbath; twenty-three were baptized and received into the church. More to come soon.

GERMAIN ST.—A farewell meeting to Rev. H. Cross, was held in Germain St. church, St. John, on Tuesday evening last. There was a large attendance, and a handsome gold watch presented, after which addresses were given by various pastors of the city, the most of those of the regular churches being present. Rev. Mr. Cross left on Thursday for the United States.

Noted STRIVE.—Our hearts have been cheered by the good news from the churches. It is not our privilege to report a powerful work of grace; but we are not without some tokens of divine favor. Last Sabbath I baptized four believers in Christ, and welcomed six into the church. Others are enquiring after salvation, and we hope soon to see many coming into the kingdom. For this we are looking, praying and laboring.

J. W. BAYNE.

CASB.—The special meetings in this place have been attended with the divine blessing. On Sunday the 5th inst., six were added to the church by baptism, six by letters, and one by letter.

The Baptist Book Room Halifax, has removed to its new and commodious quarters 24 Granville St., opposite the Provincial buildings, where with better facilities, its managers are prepared to do the enlarged business which makes their old stand too cramped. Let all our churches and Sabbath schools in the Maritime Provinces, help their Book Room by ordering their supplies through it.

friends will please pray that the day of his usefulness may be prolonged.

At the last moment we have received the following cheering news: Bro. Rowe is thought at present to be out of danger. He much regrets that he is not able to preach the blessed gospel, especially because the gracious revival in interest in his church demands it.

E. H. SWERT.

Convention Funds Received.

Table listing convention funds received from various churches and individuals, including Dalhousie East, Osborne, and West Yarmouth.

Home Mission Receipts.

Table listing home mission receipts for February and March, including contributions from various churches and individuals.

Foreign Mission Receipts.

Table listing foreign mission receipts from various individuals and churches.

Received for W. B. M. Union.

Table listing receipts for the W. B. M. Union, including contributions from Mrs. Humphrey Smith and others.

Marriages.

At the house of the bride's father, on the 4th inst., by Rev. W. J. Blackney, Charles E. Barnard, of Richey's Cove, Lunenburg county, and Adeline A. Acker, of New Germany, I. Co.

Baths.

April 1, at Lockhartville, N. S. Mrs. Eliza Hutchinson, aged 87. She died as she lived, leaning on Christ.

At Meteghan, Digby Co. April 5, James Peters, aged 93. Deceased was a member of the Westport church, at which place his remains were interred on the 9th inst.

William Dimock, aged 75 years. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church and has, we trust, exchanged a life of adversity for the inheritance of light.

At Walton, March 29, of heart disease, Joshua Sanford, aged 66 years. He was a member of the Newport Baptist church. He loved the truth and was ever ready to defend it. The righteous has hope in his death. He leaves a widow and children to mourn their loss.

At New Ross, on the 30th day of March, without a moment's warning, Mrs. Benjamin Lantz, dropped asleep in Jesus to awake in her much longed for home. She was born in Chester, where she was converted and was baptized by father Dimock. She was aged 74 when she died, and leaves a husband, sons and daughters to mourn their loss which is her gain.

At the residence of Mr. Robt. Burns, New Germany, N. S., on Thursday morning, March 13th, of consumption, Ella Taylor, aged 23 years, daughter of James Taylor, of Boston, formerly of New Germany. The deceased was a member of the New Germany Baptist church. Her hope was built on Jesus blood, and righteousness, and when called to go through the valley of death she feared no evil, for her Saviour was with her to comfort and support.

Dea. Wm. Davison passed away Sept. 25, 1884, aged 75 years. He united with the Hampton Baptist church in 1832, and served in the capacity of deacon from 1843 until his death. His life was characterized by steadfastness and zeal in the service of the Lord. His memory is cherished and his presence greatly missed in the services of the church. His end was peace. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

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At Last.

When on my day of life the night is fading, And in the winds from unassuming spaces blown...

Be near me when all else is from me drifting, Earth, sky, home's pictures, day of shade and shine...

I find myself by hands familiar beckoned, Unto my fitting place. Some humble floor among Thy many mansions...

There, from the music round about me stealing, I fain would learn the note and holy song...

And find, at last, beneath the tree of healing, The life for which I long.

— J. G. Whittier in Atlantic Monthly.

Temperance.

England's Liquor Bill. Last year there was spent in intoxicants in Great Britain the enormous sum of £126,349,266.

One hundred and twenty-six million pounds sterling is an astonishingly large sum, but with difficulty understood.

Temperance puts coal on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tub, molasses in the barrel, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the children, vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain, and spirits in the whole constitution.

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that it must decay before it is available as plant food. The strawberry in its wild state grows largest in moist locations.

"Potatoes for seed," says an exchange, "should be got out of the dark pits or bins in which they have been stored some time before planting."

The hot beds may be filled with fresh manure about these days. Any exchange gives these directions: Mix leaves (if you can get them) with the manure in alternate layers, and tread the whole in solidly.

The common complaint that old farm life is not appreciated by our people. We long for the more elegant pursuits, or the ways and fashions of the town.

THE HOME. — Mother's letter also tells you that your daughters do not neglect to instruct them in all the mysteries of housekeeping.

An appetizer is made with two eggs, six tablespoons of sugar and one cup of cream, flavored with lemon and beaten stiffly. Bake with only one crust.

Not one woman in a thousand knows how to make bread so good as it can be made. And so temperance, goodings, dyspepsia, with its inglorious horrors, and every death which, not infrequently, results from bad cooking.

One Egg Cookies — Very rich and nice. One and a half cups of white sugar, one egg, one cup of butter, one cup of flour, one cup of cream, one cup of sugar, one cup of flour, one cup of cream.

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of home is the mother. She can make her child what she will, if her conduct everywhere and under all circumstances is such as to inspire not only his love but his admiration.

The new mistress of the White House, Miss Elizabeth Cleveland, says the Albany correspondent of a Cincinnati paper, "accepted that position with great reluctance."

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boy, and when exchanged, resigned his commission and turned his attention to "the mistakes of Moses." Quite interesting!

Then when we read history, beginning away back to the time of Celsus or earlier, and trace the story of Bill-wrestlers down to the present, we find the work of every one of them has come to naught!

It might not be amiss for objectors to be a little less open-mouthed than they are in their assertions about the Bible. If for no other reason than that of concealing their own ignorance.

THE HUSBAND'S BATH. — One morning recently as I stepped out in my house after a light shower, I saw one of the lot of humming-birds dart into a shade-tree which stands before my door.

Then he shook himself after the most approved fashion in bathing. A few or two shakes, the water on the first leaf was exhausted. He then went to a second, then to a third and even to a fourth, until he had completed his bath in his own satisfaction.

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News Summary.

DOMINION.

—Frederick has decided in favor of the Megantic route for the Short line, by way of Harvey or Canterbury through Fredericton to Moncton.

—It is estimated that the season's lumber cut on the St. Croix will amount to about 42,000,000 feet.

—During the last week sixty sheep perished on Crawley's Island, near Yarmouth. The loss was about \$200.

—The river span of the bridge across the falls connecting the I. C. R. with the New Brunswick Railway, was commenced April 14.

—The Kentville News Star says that on the 25th ult., 21 persons, mostly young men, left that place for Boston, and on the 1st inst., 30 more followed.

—The outlook for the Cape Breton coal trade is said to be very poor. The sales made smaller than last year.

—At a meeting of the N. S. S. Company on Saturday, April 14th, it was voted to sell the steamer Dominion and the real estate and wharf and property of the company in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, the terms of such sale to be satisfactory to the International Steamship Company.

—Three sealing steamers have arrived at St. John's N. F.—one with 25,000 seals, worth \$60,000, the others with loads of \$25,000 each.

—An Ottawa despatch says that Lieutenant-Colonel Ray, M. P. for Annapolis, has offered his services to the government and is ready to serve in the Northwest in any capacity required.

—By a return presented recently, it appears that the total number of petitions and signatures received by parliament this session proving that no change be made in the Scott Act, and that a prohibitory liquor law be passed, has been as follows:—

Ontario, 263, with 48,066 signatures; Quebec, 144, with 12,756 signatures; Nova Scotia, 111, with 7,169 signatures; New Brunswick, 94, with 8,145 signatures; Manitoba, 6, with 321 signatures; and British Columbia, 1, with 63 signatures. The total signatures were 76,991.

—The rum-mongers' much change in the Nova Scotia Legislature. They sought the other day to amend the law relating to their traffic that they would not have, as now, to secure each year a portion of the proceeds in their respective wards in favour of their receiving license. The attempt was very summarily disposed of on notice of Mr. Gwynne. It received the three months' notice by a vote of 23 to 9. Who are the nine—*inlet*.

—**CANADA TEMPERATURE ACT.**—In the House of Commons last week, Dr. Bergh moved the second reading of the bill embodying the Dominion Alliance amendments to the Scott Act. The amendment was carried by 66 yeas to 42 nays—majority 24. Mr. Irvine moved an amendment expressing the opinion that the Scott Act should only be enforced in counties where it had been adopted by a majority of names on the voters' list. The house divided on the amendment which was lost by 17 yeas and 109 nays.

—If our representatives should always vote as they do, our country might well be proud of them.

—The Scott Act Amendment Bill suggested by the Dominion Alliance has passed with but slight amendments. Determined efforts were made to introduce provisions which would destroy its force, but without avail.

THE NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST.

—The following despatches give the gist of the news from the North West:

April 7.—An exciting despatch has been received from Major Jax to the effect that about 40 Cree Indians, in full war paint, entered the Swift Current on Friday afternoon, after holding a war dance, and helped themselves to whatever they wanted. The citizens were so much alarmed that they took all their families to the Canadian Pacific dining rooms and determined to stay there as long as they could.

From Turtle Mountain district comes the cry for assistance from white settlers who have half-breed neighbors on both sides the frontier. Troops have been sent to assist them.

It is stated that Battledore is surrounded by a thousand Indians, but no attempt has been made on the barracks.

OTTAWA, April 10.—The Government has just received word of the massacre of white settlers, including two priests, at Frog Lake, 80 miles from Battledore, by Cree Indians five days ago. One woman was captured and will probably be tortured to death. Those who escaped managed to reach Fort Pitt, 40 miles from the scene of the massacre. At that station there are 25 mounted police who telegraph they will hardly be able to hold out against the Indians, numbering some five hundred, who are surrounding them.

Gen. Middleton by the close of this week will have under his command a total force of three thousand two hundred and thirty-two men. By the end of the present week the whole of this force will have reached Qu'Appelle, or penetrated beyond that point.

THE POPULATION.

—The following is a table giving the population, according to their origin, of the people of the districts which are more or less connected with the rebellion, or which may become involved—

District	English	Scottish	Irish	Other
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