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The American Baptist Missionary Union closed its financial year March 31st. The Union is still carrying a heavy debt—\$107,000, are the figures—but it is at least somewhat cheering to know that the financial results of the year have been better than many dared to hope for, and that instead of increasing its debt, as it was feared would be the case, the Union has been able to lessen it to the amount of \$95,000. This gives encouragement to hope for a still larger reduction during the present year. The American Home Mission Society has also reduced its debt by nearly \$22,000, its present indebtedness being \$86,846.

"In Russia's practical protection of China is confirmed," says the Boston Witness, "the way is opened for her gradually to acquire in that empire the position that Great Britain has won in India. The effect of Russian domination in China, probably, will not be helpful to Protestant missionary work. Strangely enough, some American Christians, who are rooted Anglophobes, will condemn, on the slenderest basis of information, the extension of British power, and acquiesce in the ambitions of Russia, unmindful of the fact that Protestant Christianity enjoys the amplest protection in every land over which the United States and Germany, hardly in any other, while Germany is far from recognizing the principle of religious liberty."

A sketch of the life and labors of our brother in the Christian ministry, Rev. I. J. Skinner, lately deceased, appears in another part of this paper. His happy release from earthly conditions came after some years of weakness and suffering, borne with christian fortitude all the more heroic because the nature of the disease, affecting the action of the brain and the vigor of the mental powers, had sapped the strong man's native strength and despoiled him of his natural courage and hopefulness. We had not the privilege of an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Skinner, but we believe it is the general testimony of those who knew him well that he was a man of exemplary christian spirit and character, who was able to win and to retain the respect and love of those with whom he was associated. We have great reason to be grateful for the devoted lives and ministries of such faithful servants of the Lord. And while they rest from their labors their influence remains to bless the world. To the widow and family of our departed brother our christian sympathies are extended.

A note received at this office from Rev. W. V. Higgins dated London, April 1st, states that Mrs. Higgins and herself, after ten days spent pleasantly in London, would leave Liverpool the following day by Steamer Scotland for Halifax, at which port they expected to land on the 10th. Apparently they did not reach Halifax on that date, and though they have probably arrived we have not received any intimation of their arrival up to the time of going to press. Mr. Higgins reports that the voyage and change of climate have had a wonderful effect in improving Mrs. Higgins' health. She would hardly be recognized for the same person that left India five weeks ago. This is most gratifying news and everyone will hope that Mrs. Higgins' health may be rapidly and fully restored. The intelligence received would seem to justify the hope that, after a period of rest, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins will be able to return to the work which they found it so hard to lay down, and which, on account of the very weak condition of Mrs. Higgins' health, it was feared they must permanently relinquish.

Few ministers of the gospel now living are more widely known than Rev. D. T. L. Cuyler. Dr. Cuyler has been known for many years before the public. He was for over thirty years pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, and still sustains to it the relation of pastor emeritus. On Easter Sunday, Dr. Cuyler celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination, preaching on that occasion in his old pulpit to a congregation that completely filled the church. The pulpit was hid in a bank of lilies and around the choir rail the figures 1846-1896, set forth the half century of the preacher's ministry. In the course of his address Dr. Cuyler said: "As far as spiritual results are concerned, I reckon on my widest work has been the publication of about 4,000 articles for religious newspapers, which have taken the wings of the morning and flown into the uttermost parts of the earth. It would be within bounds to say that these articles have reached a circulation of over 200,000,000 copies." In the ability to write short and interesting articles on

religious subjects, adapted to the needs of a very wide class of readers, Dr. Cuyler stands unrivalled. There is a crispness, a common sense wisdom and fitness and withal a genuine spirituality about these writings which have made them helpful to many.

In the British Commons Friday Mr. Chamberlain stated the British forces now in Matabeland would be able to hold out against the natives now in revolt and would even take the offensive when the whites in the outlying districts have been gathered in. Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Cape Colony, has expressed the opinion that these forces with the companies being formed at Matabeland would be sufficient to crush the insurrection. Mr. Chamberlain, continuing, said he was nevertheless informed by Sir Hercules Robinson that the government would sanction any proposition he might deem necessary for the prompt suppression of the uprising and was ready to reinforce, if required, the garrisons in Cape Colony and Natal. This statement was received with cheers.

Mr. Hon. B. W. Hanbury announced that negotiations have reached a stage where terms would be invited at Ottawa for a weekly mail service between Canada and Great Britain at a speed not under twenty knots an hour.

The latest reported effort on the part of the United States Senate in the way of attending to the affairs of other nations, occurred on Friday last, when a joint resolution was introduced in reference to the imprisonment of Mrs. Maybrick in England. It declares that the people of the United States sympathize with Mrs. Maybrick in her suffering under the sentence of life imprisonment; that they almost universally believe in her innocence, and that she was unfairly convicted before the presiding Judge, whose harsh rulings were caused by a diseased mind. It requests the President to communicate the resolution to the government of Great Britain. The Maybrick case had already been carefully reconsidered by the proper authorities in England, who decided that there were no sufficient grounds for a new trial. But that, of course, counts for little with those people in the United States, inside and outside the Senate, who have made up their minds that Mrs. Maybrick is an innocent and persecuted woman, a victim of judicial incompetency and so forth. We are inclined however to believe that it is far from the fact that there is in the United States any such universal sympathy for Mrs. Maybrick as the resolution alleges.

PASSING EVENTS.

THE vigorous policy which Spain was supposed to have inaugurated in Cuba in the recall of General Campos and the appointment of General Weyler as Commander-in-Chief of the national forces is evidently not resulting in the suppression of the rebellion. The insurgents, according to all reports, are maintaining their ground and the end of the war seems to be as far off as ever. Spain is said to have 125,000 soldiers in Cuba, and the attempt to suppress the rebellion has cost an immense amount of money, which the country is little able to afford. The United States Senate and House of Representatives have passed concurrent resolutions affirming that in the opinion of Congress a state of public war exists in Cuba and that the United States should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to each the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States. Congress also desires that the President shall offer his friendly offices to the government of Spain for the recognition of the independence of Cuba. These resolutions do not effect anything in themselves; it remains for the President to set upon them or not as he thinks best. The adoption of them has however caused a good deal of popular excitement in Spain and uneasiness on the part of the government. The Spanish navy is being strengthened in view of contingencies and the possibility of a war with the United States is discussed. The result of such a war, if it should take place, would no doubt be the loss of Cuba to Spain and probably its annexation to the United States, but in the course of the struggle the maritime interests of the latter country would doubtless suffer heavily. The probabilities are that Spain will now lose Cuba in any case. The only possibility of saving the Colony is to put an end to the war and to give to the Island a constitutional government such as Great Britain has given her larger Colonies.

THE attitude of the Turkish Government toward Protestant missionaries has led to the report that an order for their expulsion from Turkey in Asia was about to be issued by the Porte. Rev. George B. Knapp, an American mission-

ary, has been expelled from Bitlis, where he was laboring, and was to be brought to trial on a charge of conspiracy against the government. It is however stated that the United States Minister, Mr. Terrell, has succeeded in having Mr. Knapp's case taken out of the hands of the Turkish authorities and that he will be brought to Constantinople and the charges against him will be investigated by the American Minister. It is further stated that in reply to the intervention of the British and United States representatives at Constantinople the Turkish government has given assurance that the missionaries in Asia Minor will not be molested so long as they conform to the laws of the country. The assurance will of course be taken for what it is worth. It is easy to understand that the presence of the missionaries is obnoxious to those who are engaged in carrying out the fanatical policy of extermination against the Armenians and accordingly it seems the Turkish officials have made efforts to show that the missionaries have not conformed to the requirements of the laws. Acting on such representations it appears that the Sultan prepared and signed an order providing for the expulsion of the missionaries, but owing to the publicity which has been given to the matter and the protests which have been made the order will at least be held in abeyance until Russia shall have been consulted in the matter. The influence which Russia has come to exercise in the affairs of the Sultan's Empire and her general attitude in respect to religious liberty are not encouraging for the cause of Protestant missions in Turkey.

WHEN the House of Commons at Ottawa adjourned at midnight on Saturday it had been in continuous session from Monday forenoon, a period of 120 hours. So long a session is unprecedented in the parliamentary history of Canada, if not of any other country. Ourselves the House has been occupied, during these weary hours, with the Manitoba Remedial bill in committee, but a large proportion of the time has been spent in debating motions to rise and report progress, and in the discussion of matters having but the remotest relation to the subject nominally before the House. Twelve clauses of the bill have now been got through committee. The Government members, on the one hand, accuse the Liberals and the Conservative opponents of the bill of employing obstructionist tactics with a determination to prevent the passage of the bill. The opposition, on the other hand, declare that the delay of the Government in introducing the measure and the conduct of its leaders in the debate go to prove there was no sincere intention of putting the bill through Parliament. However this may be, the proceedings at Ottawa during the past week have not been of a character to make Canadians proud of their Parliament. And whether there is any need, present or prospective, for remedial legislation in connection with the liquor supply of the House. Scenes are reported to have occurred on the floors of the House of Commons during the week which are a disgrace to the Parliament of any civilized country, and there is reason for believing that more and worse than is reported has taken place. It will be strange indeed if these things do not so arouse the moral sentiment of the people of Canada that the day when it shall be impossible for honorable gentlemen to play the buffoon or the ruffian on the floors of the Canadian Parliament shall be speedily ushered in.

DESPATCHES received from Cairo during the past week intimate that much anxiety is being felt there concerning the safety of the Anglo-Egyptian forces operating up the Nile as preliminary to the advance in force upon Dongola, for which troops are being rapidly concentrated at Wady-Halfa. The intelligence of this movement, it is stated, has been in some mysterious manner communicated to the most distant parts of the Mohammedan world and the departure of pilgrims to Mecca, has been suspended, which means that the Khalifa is calling his followers to muster to the standard, and the Jihad, or Holy War, is to be pushed against Egypt with all the desperate energy of the derwish leaders. Wady-Halfa is the present advanced point of the expedition and it is expected that heavy fighting may occur there. The Italians have had another battle with the derwishes, and though the latter appear to have been repulsed the Italians are reported to have lost heavily. The news received in London by way of Rome that the Italian general had decided on the execution of Rasala is considered serious.

Halifax Notes.

The Halifax District Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 6th, at the Baptist Book Rooms. The attendance was large.

The Rev. G. A. Lawson has been out of health, so that for some weeks he was not able to fill his pulpit. He was helped by Mr. Hetman, Licentiate, and a number of candidates for the Presbyterian ministry students at Pine Hill. Mr. Lawson is now able to do his work. The Rev. J. E. Goucher has had his hands full of work since he entered upon duty at the North church. He has baptised 35. Others are ready to obey. Last Sunday evening he gave the right hand of fellowship to 35 persons. The meetings are all full and interesting.

The Rev. W. E. Hall has baptised 52. Two more are received. He has baptised for eleven Sabbaths in succession. Thirty-one have been added to the church by letter and restoration. This is the greatest ingathering the Tabernacle has ever had in the same time. Some of those who have united with the church are persons of age and experience, and are prepared to do good work. The pastor and church feel greatly encouraged. The meetings are well attended. The Rev. J. E. Jackson has baptised eleven into the Cornwallis Street church. Others are expected soon to offer themselves to the church.

Rev. Dr. Kempton baptised four last Sabbath evening. This is the result of some interesting meetings held at Tufts Cove.

The North church's Bloomfield Mission is prospering. About 60 scholars attend the Sunday School. Three or four from this Mission have been baptised. The Sunday evening services are conducted by members of the church and are well attended.

Campbell Road church has been supplied for a time past by laymen from the District Committee. Now Mr. Jacob Flint, of the Cornwallis St. church is engaged to care for the church for three months. Favorable symptoms appear in this field.

The Rev. M. W. Brown reported from the St. Margaret's Bay field. He has not held any extra services this winter, holding only extra services a week, three of these on each Sabbath. On the west side of the Bay many of the people, on account of the failure in the mill-business and fishing have been through the winter away from home. On the east side there has been much sickness—fever and diphtheria. At Dover twelve cases of diphtheria proved fatal. This state of things made it inexpedient to hold extra services.

The Rev. A. C. Chute has not held many extra meetings in the First church, but the services during the winter have been well attended and the general results good. Ten have been baptised and fifteen received by letter. The union between pastor and people is free and full. All look forward to an outpouring of the Spirit and greater advancement.

Not much over a fourth of the \$1,600 allotted to the churches in the county by the District Committee for Convention fund has, as yet, been acknowledged in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Only fifteen of the twenty-six churches have been published as responding to the call. The committee directed a circular to be sent to these churches, urging them to make their contributions as large and soon as possible.

Mr. Redden, of Mosher River, Licentiate, passed through the city. He is encouraged on his field. The Rev. John Clark tarried a night on his way to Upper Economy and Bass River. He has a call to these churches. He has gone to look at the field.

The Rev. Alexander Grant, of Winnipeg, called on the ministers on his way to the May meetings in London. He sailed in the steamer on Saturday, the 4th.

NEW CANADA, LEN. CO., N. S.
MR. EDITOR.—Will you be kind enough to acknowledge through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR the following donations to our Paragon Fund (—Peter Corkum \$1, "Friend" \$1, Joseph Lantz 50cts; Dr H March \$1, Hon W H Owen \$1, E D Davison \$2, J A McLean \$1, M K Sieder 50cts, J L Omer \$1, "Friend" \$2, Capt C Hardy \$1, J E Lantz 50cts, Levi Oxner \$1, M Oxner 50cts, W M Anderson 50cts, C P Webber \$1, R Millott \$1, Dr N P Freeman \$1, Joseph Beanson \$1, David Yambolt \$1, H Heneger \$1, Rev E N Archibald \$1, Cant H W Wymoch \$1, I D Eisenhart \$1, J W Dimock \$1, "Friend" \$1, S S Langell \$1, Alfred Langell \$1, Robert Burgoyne \$1. In addition to the above we have received many useful articles for the work, such as paint, oil, zinc, paper, etc. Many thanks for this timely aid.
—JOHN MADIX, Church Treas.

The N. B. Convention.

A meeting of the Board of this Convention was held in St. John on 2nd inst. The Secretary stated that Bro. Thus, the Treasurer, had written that several unpaid bills were still lying in his hands and that all the creditors are anxiously waiting their payment.

Of the deficit of \$600 incurred during the last year of the school \$400 have been paid; the remainder it is also hoped will be paid during the present year. With this object in view it was resolved that the secretary make an appeal to the churches through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR to send contributions for this purpose until all is cancelled. Will the churches and former friends of the school kindly remember our need and send the required help?

Rev. J. H. Hughes having furnished a statement of the amounts contributed to wards the former individuals, these contributions now exceeding \$2,000, it was resolved that Bro. Hughes be requested to forward the statement to the Free Baptist members of the committee appointed last August, showing the amounts contributed by both bodies to this object. This committee has not yet concluded its work.

A unanimous invitation having been received from the First Springfield church to hold the next session at Hatfield's Point, the Board heartily accepted the same. The next annual meeting of the N. B. Convention will accordingly take place at Springfield, Kings Co., beginning on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at 10 A. M.

At the Harvey Convention last year (minutes p. 12) it was Resolved: "That the churches be asked to send if possible quarterly collections in aid of the work of the Convention."

Resolved also, "That a Sabbath School day be appointed and a programme prepared for H. M. interests and that the committee on Sabbath Schools take this matter in charge."

Business Irwin, Wiggins and Wright who form this committee are now at work and will shortly present their appeal to the schools. We also hope the churches will comply with the request to send their amounts quarterly. Our missionaries have to be paid quarterly and we require the funds promptly sent in.

Thus far this year the N. B. Convention Board has expended \$717.96. The Maritime committee have also paid out \$278.55. Our grants pledged for the year now exceed \$2,000 and we shall need generous contributions to close the year without debt. All money sent by the churches after the 30th of March of last year or for this year H. M. work should be forwarded to J. S. Thus, St. Martins. W. E. McIVER, Sec'y.

Literary Notes.

The "Review or Reviews" for April contains an interesting account of the industrial relief work now being done among the Armenians of Van under the supervision of Dr. Grace Kimball, an American medical missionary, who has profitably expended more than \$12,000 for this purpose, much of which has been contributed in the United States.

Under the head of "English Response to the Appeal for International Arbitration," the "Review of Reviews" publishes about thirty letters from such representative Englishmen as Lord Rosebery, A. J. Balfour, Mr. Gladstone, James Bryce, Herbert Spencer, William Watson, George Meredith, Prof. Norman Lockyer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Durham, Cardinal Vaughan, John E. Mills, G. F. Watts, Alma Tadema, Wilson Barrett, H. M. Stanley, and Henry Norman. These letters were read at the great Anglo-American demonstration held in London on March 5, and gave expression to a remarkable unanimity of opinion on the desirability of arbitration as a means of settling international disputes.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Chas. Henderson wishes us to say the Post Office most convenient to his place of residence is Upper Gagetown, Queens Co., and his correspondents are requested to address him accordingly.

Rev. J. Howard Bars, of Wolfville, made us a call on Friday on his way home, after three months spent pleasantly in laboring with the Baptist church at New Bethlehem, Pa. During that time twenty persons were baptised and received into the membership of the church.

Rev. T. M. Munro informs us that he finds the labor required on his present home—Tusket and Argyle—too much for his strength and has accordingly resigned the pastoral charge of these churches to take effect May 1st, when he will be ready to accept a call to some other field of labor. Bro. Munro is a pastor of experience who has rendered much faithful service in the Lord's work. No doubt some of our pastoral churches will be ready to seek his services.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We wish through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR to extend our sincere appreciation to the Kingsvale church, who, although feeling the financial burden of rebuilding their church edifice, never forgot to show kindness to their pastor. On the evening of March 31st we met in the Temperance Hall, Kingsvale, and after an excellent service, served by the ladies, they presented us with a donation of \$21 cash, and produce which was very acceptable, after which speeches and music was listened to until the party broke up at ten o'clock. God abundantly bless this people in our prayers.
U. E. STEVENS.

W. B. M. U.

LETTERS FOR THE YEAR:
We are laboring together with God.

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

For our Grande Ligne Mission, that there may be a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the school, and also for brother and sister Greater laboring in these Provinces.

The friends of missions will be pleased to hear that the late Mrs. T. A. Higgins bequeathed to the Foreign Mission work the sum of \$500. It is the largest legacy left by any sister to the work of the W. B. M. U. It has come into the treasury through the W. M. A. S. of First Horton church, of which her husband was the honored pastor for so many years and of which she was a member during her long residence in Wolfville. The late Mrs. Higgins was of a retiring disposition and but few of our sisters were acquainted with her. To know her was to love and respect her. Quiet and unassuming in manner, her heart was full of sympathy and love for the poor and suffering. Missions and especially foreign missions had a large place in her affections, which has been plainly shown by thus remembering the work. It is not surprising that her interest should be great as this was the work in which her honored father, Dr. Cramp, was so engaged, and to which he gave so much valuable time and strength. We would tender our sympathy to the W. M. A. S. of Wolfville, in the great loss they have sustained and pray that other faithful laborers may be raised up to fill the vacant place.

DEAR COLUMB.—We, Provincial Secretaries, receive a good many letters as the weeks go round. Some are from workers who are all discouraged; and about these we only tell the Master, and then try to send bright, helpful answers. Other letters are so full of cheer, that we want all the members of our W. B. M. U. to share with us the good news.

One of these cheery letters reached me this week from one of our County Secretaries. She says: "We have in our church, an old lady, between seventy-five and eighty years of age, who is one of the Mothers in Israel, and an untiring worker in our Aid Society. She had an only son, who about four years ago, was taken ill during the yearly drill at Aldershot; the cold developed into pneumonia, from which he died. Many thought that as he died in the Queen's service some remuneration should be made his aged parents, and this week through the efforts of a friend, the sum of \$300 was sent the father and mother. This afternoon, this dear old sister drove to the parsonage to ask her pastor to help her in the distribution of one hundred dollars of this money, saying, 'I never liked the idea of remuneration it seemed too much like selling my boy, but as it has come I want to give part to the Lord.' So with the help of the pastor the following distribution was made: \$25 for a life membership in our W. B. M. U.; \$25 to support a Bible Woman in India; H. M. \$10; Acadia University \$5; N. W. Missions \$7.50; Grande Ligne Mission \$9.50; Ministerial Aid Fund \$10; Ministerial Education \$5. And this has not been given out of her abundance, as some of us know. We cannot but feel that He who on the shores of Galilee, multiplied the loaves and fishes, will also multiply these gifts to His own honour and glory.

I have told this bit of good cheer without having asked permission, but if only some other heart is led by this simple story to lay its all at the Saviour's feet, it will not have been in vain. "The love of Christ constraineth us."

Mrs. Blackadar writes from her new home of an Aid Society formed on March 14th, in Deerfield church, President, Mrs. Blackadar; Sec'y, Treas., Mrs. Ann Allen. Prospects good.

L. V. E. JONESTOWN, Prof. Sec'y N. S. Dartmouth.

Our Treasurer writes: "Five dollars was given me by a poor sister last week, and I wonder if in the Master's light it will not be of equal value with the larger gifts that seem so great to us. Every cent of this small gift meant sacrifice. As I took it in my hand it seemed sacred as if it should be handled reverently."

These offerings coming just now at this important crisis in our mission history are like a benediction from Heaven and fill us with fresh courage to press onward. The Master has heard our cries for help. It was with fear and trembling that the executive recommended Miss Harrison and Miss Newcombe to the Foreign Mission Board, knowing that one thousand dollars extra should be raised before the last of July. Now my sisters let each society make a special thank offering this twenty-fifth anniversary, be it little or much and the required amount will be raised.

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THE DUTY OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO OBTAIN EDUCATION.

Among the thousands of young people connected with our churches in these provinces there must be a large number who are deeply considering what their life work shall be and what preparation they need for it.

Then they observe and are taught that social standing, praise, enjoyment, will depend upon their mind's training. For all these reasons they are advised to secure the best possible education.

This view will make education of the intellect more and not less important. Every power entrusted means responsibility and the culture of the intellect is the condition of the best work of all the other powers.

IS THERE A REMEDY?

In articles which have appeared in recent issues of the Messenger and Visitor attention has been called to the importance of political duties.

At this point it seems proper and important to ask, what, if anything, can be done to remedy an evil admittedly great and to promote in the electorate of this country that intelligence and virtue which are the truest safeguards of righteous government?

It is possible for the State to do something in the interests of political purity by enacting and providing for the enforcement of stringent laws against bribery and corruption.

But the Church, no less than the State, we take it, has a duty to perform in endeavoring to apply a remedy to political corruption.

Foreign Missions.

In Romans vii: 29 Paul teaches that the design of the christian life is not safety, or peace or heaven.

It is not conceivable that anywhere a man may be an intelligent disciple of the Lord Jesus without being moved by His impulses.

He engaged in preaching in holidays and as a season offered while studying at the Academy and in the winter of 1885 he was graduated.

Mr. Skinner was not a brilliant man, but he was a brilliant worker, as a shepherd over God's flock. Let anyone who will read his memoirs and see how he will find his message fragrant among them.

Book Notices.

The Spirit-filled Life. By John McNeill. (New York and Toronto, F. M. Revell Co.) Price 75 cents.

Deuteronomy. By Rev. S. R. Driver, D. D. (New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 800 pages.)

In a letter just to hand from Bro. Moore, of Rimington, under date Feb'y 10, '96, he says: "I have just returned from a good frolic of about three weeks at Bro. and Sister Higgins's."

Let us all do all we can that Christ's argument may be felt and His order obeyed. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

Annals of the Conference of Baptist Churches.

The Annapolis Co. Conference of Baptist Churches met at Annapolis March 23rd, at 7:30 p. m. Pastor H. B. Kinlay, of Farmville, gave an address on "Our Country—What Baptists have done, are doing and ought to do for it religiously."

An evangelistic service was held, led by Pastor F. H. Young, of Bridgetown. He gave a soul-stirring address on Acts viii: 1-8. Then Philip preached Christ unto them. The service was uplifting and helpful.

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THE HOME. EPICURIAN FOOD.

There are few persons of wide experience in matters of food who do not acknowledge the superiority of the home table over restaurant or hotel fare. The secret of cooking a large quantity of food so that it shall be done as daintily and perfectly as the accomplished home cook does her work is yet unsolved.

The very best hotel fare soon becomes monotonous. The very system with which everything must be done, and the large menu itself which must be furnished every day, makes elaborate changes of fare impossible. The true epicure demands quality, not quantity. He is the exact opposite of a glutton. On the contrary, he can regale himself with toast and cheese so long as the toast is daintily browned and the cheese "good, firm and mellow." There is a vulgar idea that it shows grossness to pay grave attention to matters of mere food, and that the term epicure implies something of reproach. Nothing can be further from the truth. The person who is indifferent to his food and eats greedily whatever is set before him resembles in this but one animal which eats promiscuously whatever is thrown to it.

All the greatest epicures have been abstemious eaters. "A true epicure," says a famous French writer, "can dine well on one dish, provided it is excellent of its kind." Good living does not mean expensive living, but living in such a manner that all the table service shall be refined and wholesome, even though only bread and butter and potatoes are served. The bread may be the lightest, sweetest, home-made loaf; such bread, as poets have considered the worthy of common food, not the bread of which Hood wrote as "A heavy compound of putty and lead." The butter may be the most perfect golden balls that ever left the dairy of "meadow-banded Phyllis." The potatoes may be mealy and perfectly cooked, balls of snowy whiteness, that crumble at the touch of a fork. A true epicure could dine on such a meal, while he would turn away with disgust from a table loaded to overflowing with costly food, badly cooked and vulgarly served. This is the reason why the home table is the most attractive, where the mistress of the house is an intelligent, refined woman, who knows the use of her accompaniments. It is in such a household where the refining touch of a woman's house-keeping is everywhere seen, where the work is done from love, not by hiring hands, that the best food is served and the entire message of the table is most satisfactory to a person of cultured taste.

Good food, the daintiest best of food, if managed by an intelligent head of the house, costs but little. It is the lavish display of abundance, the food that is finally thrown away, which costs extravagantly. It is an easy matter for a wasteful servant to throw away as much as is consumed on the table. Where the management of the table is left to the servants the cost of the supplies consumed may be trebled without any actual dishonesty; yet the service may be infinitely meaner than one that costs one-quarter, and is under the intelligent management of an educated woman, one who shows her taste and refinement by the sweetness of her bread and the daintiness of all her ordinary work, as much as in the neatness, the air of the place and restfulness from all outside turmoil, that pervades her surroundings. Such a home—a simple one, but watched over by household gods, before whose face none may come but those whose feet can receive with love—is the noblest achievement of woman.

BED-MAKING.

Every housekeeper thinks she knows how to make a bed; yet, judging from complaining heard in many a home, about the covers pulling up from the feet, and the sheet coming down from the head of the bed, it is evidence that they were not properly made. "To begin at the beginning," the cover should be both long and wide. Sheets should be two yards and a half long with a broad hem at top and narrow one below, so that there is no danger of their being reversed, and the foot being used for head one night, and vice versa the next. In placing the under sheet, it should be spread so that the narrow hem just drops down over the foot of the mattress. The head of the mattress should then be raised, and all the extra length of the sheet carefully and smoothly tucked in under it and it dropped back into place. The extra width should then be tucked under at each side, and sheet is snug and secure. When the upper sheet and covers are spread on, their tops should come even with the head of the bed, and the extra length should be carefully and snugly tucked in under the mattress at the foot by raising it a little, folding them under then dropping it back again into place. The reason of this care is obvious, for all the strain on the lower sheet is from above, and it never becomes disarranged only as it is first drawn from the top. So, too, the strain on the covers is from the foot, and if they are carefully tucked under the mattress, there will be no more trouble about cold feet, or kindred inconveniences.

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CANDIED PEELS.

This is a good season of the year, when the cheap oranges from the Mediterranean are in market, to prepare candied peels. Candied orange and lemon peel are not only much cheaper prepared at home, but are fresher. These peels take the place of citron in mince pie and fruit pudding, or can be used with the true citron, from which the candied citron of market is made, in never imported fresh. It is a fruit of the citrus or lemon family, but the peel is the only part used. To candy orange or lemon peel, soak the peels after removing them from the fruit in salt and water for three days. A large teacup of salt to a gallon of cold water is in the right proportion for this brine. Drain the peels and rinse them after soaking them, and make a thick syrup in proportion of a pound of sugar to a pint of water. Make enough syrup to cover the peel, and let the peel cook slowly for a long time, taking great care that it does not burn. When nearly done the syrup must be absorbed, take up the peel and spread it out on a plate, and pour the remainder of the syrup evenly over it. Let it dry in a moderate warm place, but keep it in a cool place. Do not make a large quantity at a time. Three times supply is enough to keep well. The operation is not a tedious one, and can be easily repeated.

SWEET-MINDED WORK.

So great is the influence of a sweet-minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that friends come in seasons of sorrow and sickness for help and comfort. One soothing touch of her kindly hand works wonders in the darkest grief; a few words let fall from her lips in the ear of a sorrowing sister do much to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish. The husband comes home from the office, the pressure of business, and feeling irritable with the world in general, but when he enters the cosy sitting room and sees the blaze of the bright fire and meets his wife's smiling face, he succumbs in a moment. Three minutes' supply is enough to act as the balm of Gilead to his wounded spirits, that are weary with combating with the stern realities of life. The rough school-boy flies into a rage at the reproach of his companions, to find solace in his mother's smile. The little one full of grief with his own large trouble, finds a haven of rest on his mother's breast. So one might go on with instance after instance of the influence that a sweet-minded woman has on those around her, which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power when compared with hers—Selected.

THE FARM. PLANTING AN ORCHARD.

Most people assume that to plant an orchard in good shape on level ground, or nearly level, must be an easy task. All you have to do is to set stakes at regular distances, to be ascertained by measurement, dig the holes there and put in the trees. It looks easy, particularly to the new beginner in orchard work, but if he has the ambition to see the rows "straight as an arrow" and to stand in line in all directions, he will be wiser at the end of two trials. It is easy if one begins right, goes slow and sees that each tree is in exactly the right place before he leaves it. But if the planter or his assistants grow a trifle careless and allow a tree here and there to get out of line, or two, or three, particularly in the early part of the work, he will soon reach a different conclusion, as I did at my first venture.

Planting an orchard implies that the orchard is to cover considerable space, a few acres at least, or two trials, or a few short rows. An apple or pear orchard is to stand from fifty to a hundred years, if well cared for, and the planter should be as careful in the various steps as if he were building a dwelling house in which he and his family, his wife, and his children, or some of them after he is gone. He should begin by making an exact measurement of the land, and then a calculation as to the number of trees required for the acre or two trials, apart. If the orchard is for apples about two rods will do, though some will recommend forty feet as better—and it is better when the pruning is likely to be in different or none at all. But if well cared for, the trees will last for seven years, and certainly on alternate years after that, two rods will answer very well indeed. In marking out the measuring should be done with a pole, say, one rod long, and plainly marked with feet and inches, at least, and not more than a few feet, and certainly on alternate years after that, two rods will answer very well indeed. In marking out the measuring should be done with a pole, say, one rod long, and plainly marked with feet and inches, at least, and not more than a few feet, and certainly on alternate years after that, two rods will answer very well indeed.

Begin with the two outside rows, and use the greatest possible care to get them right before the planter starts on the intermediate rows. But to get them right, when the first row is planted, use the same care in the second row, and so on.

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wrong," he must either do most of the work over, or confess to a "botch" visible to every man or woman with a straight eye. An orchard with trees visibly out of line is a pronouncement to a man of taste whenever he sees it, and hateful to the man who works it.

With the outside rows just as they should be the most difficult work is done. The rest is little more than so much manual labor. The measuring pole, used to indicate the position of the trees, must be careful—no matter how the measuring pole indicates another place for it by an inch or more, be sure to plant it so that it stands in line with the other rows. Little inequalities on the surface will sometimes cause discrepancy between one in a row of it, or the man doing the work and holding the tree may be careless—and sometimes an assistant of this sort is terribly trying.

It will not answer to depend on getting the stakes in the right position before beginning to plant. These must be taken up when the hole is dug, and no matter how great the care at that point, if there is not a line to define the position of the young tree in one direction and a man to sight the line from the further outside row, inaccuracies will creep in before one is aware of it, and make trouble. Even with all the care two persons can use, it sometimes happens that a tree will get a little out of line before one is aware of it, and spoil the work more or less. The plot to be planted is usually a rectangle, and a light but strong cord must be used in one direction (usually the longest direction), and this may be displaced a little if a tree work before it is discovered; or in filling the hole and in treading down the soil may be unintentionally shifted; or an accidental animal may be given the tree after it is thought to be well planted. All these trials beset the planter, and if not blessed with a full stock of patience and a straight eye, besides practicing the utmost care with the outer rows, his work will not make him happy when done.

Two persons can accomplish the planting of even one, though one alone will work at a great disadvantage; but if three or four when the orchard tract is large, it will save good deal of travel back and forth. It is worth while something like "eternal vigilance" is absolutely necessary from first to last. An inaccuracy tolerated in one place leads to another. It will not do to say that it "makes no difference" what the tree, after planting, is only half an inch out of line. That half inch, if not discovered, becomes an inch for the next tree, then two inches, then four and so on. The one invariable rule to follow is not to leave any tree until you are really sure it is in the right place—not almost there, but there and nowhere else.

To make sure of having the outer rows at exact right angles with each other a common square will do, but wood is fragile made with a carpenter and fastened together with screws so that it cannot be easily displaced will be better. Fastened with screws it can readily be taken apart when not in use and packed away without occupying much space. The line should be light and strong, and as long as the row. A garden reel is a convenience for paying out and taking up. Nothing has been said about the depth for planting, pruning and spreading the roots, filling in, nor the other details of planting, as it can almost be taken for granted that the man who is really bent on having straight rows will find out and practise the best rules for planting, which are few, and can be found in any good work on fruit culture.—Philip Snyder, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

DESTROYING BLACK KNOT.

The black knot in the plum, the fire-blight in the pear, and many other similar diseases to which plants are exposed from the attacks of minute fungus germs, all originate from a single spore which finds the conditions in the plant favorable to germination; but it requires very nice conditions to get them to grow, and it is that which renders them so harmful in proportion to the vast injury which they might do if conditions for growth were not nice. Take, for instance, the little germ which causes yellow fever, it is utterly harmless after undergoing a temperature below 32 degrees. The germ which causes small-pox is also destroyed when under a temperature of about 60 degrees, while the young typhoid fever plant is literally drowned after being two days in water of a low temperature. When therefore, any sign of germ disease appears in the orchard, the best practice is to cut the affected branches away, so that the baleful infection will not spread through the plant system. This is very often the best cure. Some recommend that the spores should be burned; but this rather adds to the number of atmospheric spores, if anything, because the heat carries the spores away before they have been consumed, and tends to spread rather than destroy.—Michigan Farmer.

This year the potato celebrates the 300th anniversary of its introduction into England. In 1598 Sir Walter Raleigh first brought potatoes from America to England, and for some time they were a luxury of the rich—alone, costing two shillings per pound.

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aid to the afflicted. All the vast resources of nature's laboratory have been pressed into service to the end that tortured bodies might have surcease from anguish, and know the peace that only health can bring. And what more natural than that these poor victims of disease thus released from suffering should desire to aid in the extension of the knowledge of the means whereby they have been benefited?

Such a one is Miss Drucilla Shingler, of Erin, Ont., who tells a tale of pain endured through weary years, and of final relief and cure through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the greatest medicine of the age. Miss Shingler says: "Twelve years ago I became afflicted with rheumatism, from which I have suffered greatly. Two years later, this trouble was aggravated by a growth which started in the throat, and which each year became larger and larger, until it finally became so bad that I could hardly obtain any sleep, as when I would lie down it would fill my throat, causing a feeling of suffocation. What I suffered is almost beyond description, and all the medical aid I had did me no good, and I was told that I could only hope for relief through the medium of an operation. I dreaded such a course and declined undergoing the operation. All this time the rheumatism was taking a finer hold upon my system, and I felt like giving up in despair. I lost the power of my limbs and my hands got so bad that I could scarcely hold anything. At this stage a friend, who from personal experience had strong faith in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, bought me a supply and urged me to try them. I thought I felt an improvement after I had used a little more than a box, and after using them for a few weeks there was no longer room to doubt that they were helping me. I was taking the Pink Pills in the hope of finding relief from the rheumatism, but to my great joy I found that the medicine was not only driving this painful malady from my system, but was also driving away the growth in my throat. The result was that after I had used about a dozen boxes of Pink Pills I was completely cured, and although a considerable time has now elapsed, I have not had a recurrence of either trouble, and am enjoying the best of health. For the help my statement may be to others, I am only too glad to add my testimony to the long list of wonderful cures, such as mine, that have been wrought by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This greatest of nineteenth century medicines positively cures all troubles arising from a disordered or weak state of the blood, or shattered nerves. If you are feeling weak or depressed, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act as a prompt tonic, and if seriously ill no other remedy can so promptly restore you to health and strength. The genuine Pink Pills are put up in round wooden boxes, the wrapper round which bears the full trade mark, 'Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.' Do not be persuaded to take some substitute.

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SUMMARY NEWS.

Fire has destroyed the grain mill of Phillips Leveque, of Ste. Anne des Monts, Gaspé Co.

R. G. Dan & Co. report 33 Canadian failures this week, against 37 in the corresponding month last year.

A new steel arch bridge is to be erected across the gorge as Niagara in place of the present suspension railway bridge.

Col. Stark of Montreal, and Major Bruce, of Toronto, have been appointed respectively commandant and adjutant of this year's Boley team.

Just Received.—The full text of the judgment of His Honor Mr. Justice Barter, in the famous "Bahurst School Case"—price 15 cents. All orders accompanied by the price will be mailed by J. & A. McMillan, Publishers, St. John, N. B.

Judgment was rendered at Hamilton, Ont., on Wednesday against the New York Mutual Reserve Fund Insurance Company, compelling them to return notes which had been deposited with application which had at first been refused, but which they afterwards wished to accept.

Justice Falconbridge at Toronto Thursday rendered judgment against William Linton, who sued the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for \$2000 because the conductor refused to allow him to ride in a sleeping car on a second class ticket and the difference between it and a first class ticket.

Paquette & Godfont, of St. Hyacinthe, have signed a contract with Mr. Macdonald for the construction of the new Roman Catholic church at Charlestown, P. E. I., at a cost of sixty thousand dollars. The contract for the interior work of the new cathedral, amounting to about as much, has not yet been awarded.

Judge Andrews at Quebec has rendered a judgment in the case of the Provincial government against Ernest Pascoed for recovery of \$100,000 which was paid Pascoed by C. N. Armstrong, one of the contractors of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway, and which was the subject of a royal commission in 1891 against the late Honorable Honores Mercier and Ernest Pascoed. Judge Andrews condemned Pascoed to refund the said sum of \$100,000 with interest and costs. Pascoed will appeal.

A terrible accident occurred at a crossing on the railway near Coldbrook station, a few miles from St. John, on Saturday afternoon. The fast express from Halifax, running at the rate of about 40 miles an hour, ran into a milk wagon at the crossing, in which were three persons, two of whom, Joseph Stevenson aged 35, owner of the team, and Robert Carson, a boy of 11 years, were instantly killed, while the third, Allan Carson, escaped with a broken leg. The engine had the cover of the wagon and the railing of the milk cans. It is stated had prevented those in the wagon from observing the approach of the train.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade the consensus of opinion developed appeared to be that Great Britain could not be expected to impose preferential duties on colonial grain in the British market, and that the most that could be expected for the development of commercial relations in the Empire would be an arrangement whereby all interchange of products between the various parts of the Empire should be free, at the same time leaving each individual portion of the Empire free to impose whatever duties it deemed advisable upon products from other countries. A resolution, in accordance with this, was passed, also endorsing the views advanced by Mr. Chamberlain recently.

United States.—A despatch received in New York says 15,000 immigrants are about to leave Naples for New York.

The House of Representatives, after debating the bill to abolish compulsory pilotage on sailing vessels engaged in the coastwise trade, defeated the measure by a large majority, 87-117.

Herz Ahlwardt, the anti-Semitic member of the German Reichstag, who has been lecturing in the United States for some months, was mobbed by Hebrews in Hoboken, N. J., while on his way to Germania Hall.

Some Cincinnati women are endeavoring to get even on the high hat scores and have the men prevented from going out of the theatres between the acts or putting tobacco on the floor. They will have a bill introduced in the Legislature.

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British and Foreign. The Imperieuse cruiser, Captain C. H. Adair, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Fallieser, left Portsmouth on March 25 for the Pacific, where she will relieve the Royal Arthur as flagship.

The Paris Journal says the English are erecting barracks at Malta capable of accommodating 80,000 men. This increase of capacity, the paper says, is being made in anticipation of events in the Mediterranean affecting British interests.

At the opening of the Snowdon Mountain Railway, near Carnarvon, Wales, on Monday, an accident happened to the gear. The automatic brakes saved the carriages with the passengers in them. The engine broke way from the train and fell over a precipice. A second train that was descending the mountain crashed into the rear of the first train and smashed a car into kindling wood. No one was seriously injured.

MARRIAGES. MILLET-KEDY.—At Lunenburg, April 8th, by Rev. E. N. Archibald, Charles E. Millet, to Mrs. Ellen Kedy, both of Lunenburg, N. S.

PEREY-DUMPHREY.—At Dorchester, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. A. T. Kempton, M. A., Charles A. Perey, of N. S., to Mary Dumphrey, of P. E. I.

DAVIS-SMITH.—At Roxbury, Mass., on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. A. T. Kempton, M. A., Emory W. Davis, to Ethel M. Smith, both of Lunenburg, Mass.

HYDE-IVES.—At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. Nelson, on March 25, by the Rev. M. C. Higgins, Duncan Hyde, to Alice Ives, both of Cornwall, P. E. I.

BROWN-SMITH.—At the residence of the bride's father, Thomas Binnet, April 8th, by Rev. O. E. Steeves, Byron Brown, merchant of Fredericton, to Agnes Binnet of Queensbury.

LANE-PERRY.—At 11 Humphrey Sq., Dorchester, Mass., April 9, by the Rev. Austin T. Kempton, M. A., John B. Lane, of Springhill, Nova Scotia, to Maria E. Percy, of Harvey, York Co., N. B.

SEELY-GOODWIN.—On the 5th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Germain St., by Rev. Dr. Carey, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, Edwin B. Seely, to Annie J., daughter of John F. Goodwin, Esq.

DEATHS. CAMPBELL.—At Lower Woodstock, Feb. 9th, child of Walter Campbell, aged 5 years.

ROCKWELL.—At Billtown March 31st, Owen E. Rockwell, son of Gideon Rockwell, aged 38 years.

ODELL.—At Hillsdale, Kings Co., N. B., April 2nd, of cancer, Bro. David S. Odell, in his 52nd year. His end was peaceful.

MEISTER.—At New Ross, Lunenburg Co., N. S., on the 2nd inst., Eva L., infant daughter of John and Minnie Meister, aged five months.

LOCKE.—At Lakesport, N. S., on the 2nd inst., Allan K. Locke, aged five months, beloved son of Allan K. and Annie Locke. A beautiful bud of promise here; a radiant, full blown flower hereafter.

YOUNG.—At Gaspereaux, Chipman, N. B., on 30th March, Mrs. Catherine Young, aged 73 years. The deceased suffered much during the last days of her life, from cancer in the stomach. She died trusting in Christ.

WILKINS.—At 2nd Canterbury, March 31st, Freeman Wilkins, aged 57 years. Bro. Wilkins was baptized by Rev. E. C. Corey some 25 years ago and united with the church of which he remained a member until his death.

FLETCHER.—At Forest Glen, Westmorland Co., N. B.; March 28, Harry Fletcher, aged 15 years, eldest son of Henry Fletcher. Beloved by all, a special favorite of his friends, he is greatly missed in the home and community. He was enabled to trust himself to the keeping of the Saviour. May the peace of God abide upon those who mourn.

BROWN.—Deacon Abner Brown died at his home Graham, N. B., February 27, at the advanced age of 79 years. He was born at St. Mary's Bay, Digby Co., but came to Cornwallis in early life. At the age of seventeen he chose Christ as his Saviour and was baptized by Father William Chipman into the fellowship of the 2nd Cornwallis church. During the pastorate of Dr. Saunders was chosen deacon and worthily filled the office till the end of his life. When the Cambridge section was made a separate church, Deacon Brown was one who went into that organization and served in the office of deacon until called up higher. He was married 54 years ago to Elizabeth Powell, who still survives. Ten children were born to them, five of whom remain to mourn the loss of an excellent father. One son is Rev. J. W. Brown, M. A., the esteemed and successful pastor of the church at Nictaux. Deacon Brown was a great student of the Bible, a man of strong convictions, a loyal Baptist and an ardent invid in whom there was no guile.

COWELL.—At his late residence, Leinster street, St. John, George B. Cowell, aged 51 years, leaving a widow and daughter, two sons, two brothers and many relatives and friends, who deeply mourn their loss. Our late brother, who was an interested and beloved member of the Waterloo F. C. B. church, was very suddenly called away by death, on the morning of the 30th ultimo. Although perhaps for months he has not enjoyed the best of health, yet until the last he was about his work, attending to the duties of his business and Christian life. We cannot realize that his familiar face and form will never more be seen in this, and that his place in the family pew at the church in which he sat the

last Sabbath he was on earth, and which for many years he regularly filled, will never be taken by him again. On that last night, just before retiring, he read at the family worship Rev. 22nd, commenting on the passage, "Behold I come quickly," etc., which is three times contained in the chapter. It would appear that a remonition was given him that such would be his case; but whether that was so or not, it was his last opportunity for reading the scripture and offering prayer with his family, for ere the night had passed, paralysis of the brain had rendered him unconscious, and in a few hours "his spirit returned to God who gave it." The floral tributes and large attendance at the funeral were expressive of tender memory of the dead, and sincere sympathy for the bereaved. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, who at the grave was assisted by members of York L. O. L., many of whom led in the procession. May our Heavenly Father, whose sympathy is ever toward his children in their affliction, support and comfort with His presence this suddenly and sorely bereaved family. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with them. Amen.

J. W. C. MARRIAGES.—In the death of Mrs. James B. Masters was removed from the church and community where she so long lived, a bright and lovely Christian. Mrs. Masters was born in Cornwallis N. S., daughter of the late Mahew Bookwith, Esq. In early life she was converted and baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church in Canada, by the late Rev. A. Abraham Hunt, who succeeded Rev. Ed. Manning to the pastorate of that church. While yet quite young, by the death of her mother, she was left with the care of a large family which required patience and the other graces of the spirit to discharge the duties of this trying position. In 1845 she married James K. Masters of our city, and all through the endearing relationship, she was a devoted, selfless, a devoted Christian, a faithful and loving wife. Our departed sister was a loved member of the Leinster St. Baptist church in this city, of which for years her husband was an honored member. To this church her love, interest and support was cheerfully given. Her Christian life was of rare beauty, loyalty to duty, combined with sweetness and gentleness of disposition, drew her many dear friends. Her every day life was of a quiet, quiet kind, rather than the demonstrative, and her excellences were not of the surface, but the promptings of a true heart of love to Christ and humanity. Her virtues were part of her whole being with a deep sincerity in relation to her inner self. She loved her church and enjoyed the fellowship of the truly faithful ones. She felt a deep interest in the missionary work of the churches and sought to know of the lives of those who had left our shores, her membership with the various societies amply testify to this fact. Of her it could be said the graces of the Spirit dwell richly in her beautiful Christian life. Her lips uttered no unkind words. One who intimate with her for many years has stated since her death, "I never knew her to say an unkind word of any one." Most all, if not all of the benevolences of our city received her aid, prayers and sympathy. The years of her life were spent in good, until in January that dread disease paralysis seized upon her. While her consciousness remained, her trust in her Redeemer was unflinching. In the unconscious condition she quietly breathed her life away, receiving the rites of the one who stood around her couch. Her remains were laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery in Canada, there to await the last summons.

NOTICES. The Cumberland County Baptist Sabbath School Convention will meet with the Greenville church at Westchester Station, on Wednesday, April 20th, at 1.30 p. m. I write as many of you do not and in the interest of all who will attend. Don't be afraid of the mud. Our church building and some of our best homes are quite near to the railway station. F. N. ATKINSON.

The next session of the Digby County quarterly meeting will be held at Plymp-ton, April 20th, Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock, and will include the following: Conference and Reports from the Churches. In the afternoon, papers on Sunday School Work will be read by pastors Nobles and Crabbe; to be followed by discussion. The rest of the afternoon session will be devoted to business. Preaching in the evening by pastor Giffin, of Weymouth. Will the pastors who cannot be present please send a written report of the State of the Cause on their respective fields. Young People's County Union on Tuesday. See Secretary Crabbe's notice in B. Y. P. U. column. A. T. DYKEMAN, Sec'y.

Digby, April 9. The district meeting of Kings Co., N. S., will be held (N. Y.) at Cambridge, commencing Monday evening the 30th inst., and continuing through the following day (21st). There will be a sermon on Monday evening. The following subjects have been named for discussion: Church discipline; What Baptists stand for; The claims of the denomination on the churches; Methods of raising money for denominational work; The value of mission—its relation to the churches, or its claims upon the churches. The following brethren are expected to lead in the discussion: John Williams, C. H. Martin, E. G. Martin, D. S. Martin, E. G. Gillison, and J. S. Martin. This will probably be the last meeting before the Association, and a full attendance of the pastors and delegates is very desirable. M. F. F. See'y.

WARRIOR.—I. All the Minutes of the New Brunswick Association, from 1821 to 1849, except the year 1841, 42, 43, 44 and 45. 2. Minutes of the Eastern N. B. Association for 1850, 51. Any copies of the Eastern, Western and Southern N. B. Associations that have been published since 1851, especially the Year Book, 4. "Baptist's Missionary Magazine of N. S. and N. B." for Jan., April and July 1887 and April 1890. 5. Reports of the Canadian Baptist Telegraph Mission previous to 1892. 6. Any other publications of interest to Baptists in Churches or Associations in the Maritime Provinces. The stamps necessary for transmission will be forwarded if names and addresses of senders are given. Address: Rev. A. C. CURVE, Halifax, N. S.

DEMNOMINATIONAL FUNDS. NOVA SCOTIA. From March 14th to April 6th, 1906. Canard church \$13.10; Lower Canard S. S. \$19.90; Upper Canard S. S. \$5; Rev. J. A. Marple \$10; Wolfville ch \$6.07; Mrs. A. Gillis, Shubenacadie, \$4; Greenville ch \$3; Westworth ch \$2; Mrs. John Rowe \$1; Indian Harbor \$4.12; Doctor \$2.00; First St. Margarets Bay ch \$2.79; Second St. Margarets Bay \$6.87; "a friend", Ingram River, \$1; "friend", Brookline, Mass. \$19; Prince St. ch, Truro, 75.04; Cape Breton district meeting \$3.77; Second Digby Neck ch \$23; Cannville \$10; Dalhousie East \$3; Gaspereaux ch for B. R. Benjamin, \$10; Springhill ch \$4.88; Springhill S. S. \$5.12; Second St. Mary's ch \$4.40; Mrs. William Crocker, Kingston, \$70; J. W. Bars, Wolfville, \$25; Westport ch \$3; Kingston ch \$20; Antigonish Ferry \$6.55; Mrs. Mary Crocker, Granville Ferry, \$3; Wilmot ch \$22; Paradise Mission Band \$3; Knobb Stubbart, Deerfield, \$3; Third Yarmouth ch \$1; Hill Grove ch \$2.11; Fort Medway ch \$1; Tabernacle S. S. Halifax, \$16.—\$420.96. Before reported \$4,947.00. Total to date \$5,368.06.

REMARK. The third quarter of the Convention Year closes with this month.

A. Conroy, Treas. Dem. Funds, N. S. Wolfville, N. S., April 6.

Special Donations to Foreign Missions. From March 1st to April 10th, 1906. John McKinnon \$10; "a friend", Springhill, \$5; an old minister, \$5; Mrs. A. C. Kilburn \$2; "M. M.", the Lodge, \$1; John Eklar, Crow Harbor, \$5; Dea Jas Anderson \$1; Rev. J. C. Morse \$4; First church, Digby Neck, \$5.00; Second ch Digby Neck, \$5; Mrs. A. X. Williams, Nova Sydney, ch, \$1.50, S. S. \$14.50; Walton ch \$3; Mission Band Tanook, \$2.08; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark \$10; col. at Wallbrook 16cts; Oliver Jones \$50; Andrew Jones \$10 (per I. C. A.); J. W. Bars \$25; Beccodfield ch, Col. Co. \$5.52; Sec. Treas., pulp. supply, \$30; "friend", Havelock, \$1; Rev. J. E. and Mrs. Tiner \$5; Prince St. S. S., Truro, \$5. Total \$215.55. Before reported \$492.97. Total to April 10, \$708.52. Total receipts to April 10, \$7,624.13. Total expenditures to April 10, \$13,824.57—this includes remittance to India which pays missionaries to June 30. J. W. MANNING, Sec. Treas. St. John, April 10, '06.

GLAD TO SEE SPRING. City people don't begin to know all the discomforts a long cold winter brings to people in the country. There is no hardship in leaving a warm house merely to step into a heated street car and be rapidly conveyed in comfort to wherever one's business takes one. But when one must go right out and face the elements either walking or driving with no protection except what one's clothing affords, it is different. No one can afford to be weighed down with the burden of many garments, and yet warmth must be had by some means; and thus the idea of using a Finns Chamois interlining in all winter clothing has become deservedly popular. Its warmth, without weight, and wind and waterproof qualities are highly appreciated by all who require to be much out of doors.

There is a new advertisement on 5th page this week. It comes from A. Gil moor, a tale whose business has received favorable comment from those who know good clothes. He sends samples.

Lady Mount Stephen, wife of Lord Mount Stephen, Canadian peer and ex-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, died at London, Friday morning, as the result of an operation for the relief of an internal trouble.

Those of our subscribers who desire printing that is neat and cheap would do well to correspond with this office. We know several printers whom we can recommend for any grade of work in hand. We could save you a dollar now and then.

MARTINE UNION.—The "Bonnie Brier Bush" is a very excellent book and the offer made by the B. Y. P. U., a April 4th Union puts it within the reach of American people only. The Canadian copy-right prevents the edition thus offered from us, every copy coming into Canada is confiscated. Sorry, I write thus to save disappointment to any who think of obtaining the edition offered. GEO. A. McDONALD, Mar. Pres.

BRITAIN'S POPULAR QUEEN. Her Latest Cabinet Photo Given Away. The popular craze of the day is now directed toward the new and elegant cabinet photo of Her Majesty the Queen, worth fully 40 cents each, that will be distributed to every one who sends us as part premiums to thousands in Canada and the United States.

The well known manufacturers of Diamond Dyes recently made arrangements with the publishers of "Our Home," by which they were enabled to make the following offer: "An elegant full cabinet photo (from a recent copy taken by Royal command) of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's a four page pamphlet, giving details of her life, her habits and other items of interesting and useful information relating to the royal family, that but few people have access to; six Diamond Dye Dials with six extra dyes; and a card of forty-five samples of dyed cloths, showing colors of Diamond Dyes, sent free to every man, woman and child who will send in 25 cents in money or stamps for one year's subscription to "Our Home," a paper that thousands declare to be worth 50 cents."

Wells & Richardson Co. regret very much that they were compelled to keep so many waiting from three to five days before orders could be filled and mailed. The rate of new subscribers has been, and still is, extraordinary—in fact so extraordinary that the artist has not been able to keep up with the demand.

Arrangements are being perfected in the direction of a larger mailing staff and increased supply of photos, so that new subscribers to "Our Home" will receive prompt attention.

Bear in mind that the whole cost of "Our Home," photo and other premium, is 25 cents and the address: Wells & Richardson Co., Montreal, P. Q.

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