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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If children be not clean, then we hold that the church has not a right to baptize them. In fact, we have attended one of the smallest universities on this continent, and one of the largest in Germany, and we do not hesitate to say that we prefer the former, except for minds which need no spur, which have their habits all well formed, which are already highly trained, and which need no spur to keep them up to the highest work.

In these overgrown institutions the professor can only come in and give his lecture and go out again. There can be none of that cross fire of question and answer which draws forth the best thought of instructor and instructed. There can be little of that intimate relation which enables the teacher to impress himself on his class, and fire them with his own ardor. There is still less possibility of applying the spur to one and holding a tight rein on another; and thus adapting himself to the special need of each student. We have thought much on this question, and we are strongly persuaded that no advantage of a larger staff of instructors can make good the loss to the student of living contact with his teacher.

It seems to us that this whole idea of one grand university rests quite largely upon a false idea of what constitutes education. A young man can get more knowledge packed into his brain, perhaps, by sitting before able lecturers in such a university. But is this the great object of teaching? Of what use is all the knowledge if a man is not taught to think—to use his mind in other ways than merely to take in and hold knowledge. It will not make him a strong man for the struggle in the arena of active life. It is liable to quench what spark of independence he has, and instead of his brain being like a fountain, sending forth streams, it will be like a conduit, which pours out just what is poured in, and often not even that. When a young man is at one of our smaller colleges, where there is the stimulating question and answer, and contact with a live brain and earnest soul, it is strange if his mind is not stirred to think and become strong, and dormant powers awakened.

But some one may say, do you venture to question the grand system in Germany, etc.? We have no need to question it. The real mental training of German students is received in the gymnasium. Here they are drilled by question and answer, until the brain is stretched to its utmost tension. It will take a good many decades, we opine, before we shall have our educational system up to the level of the German gymnasium.

When we arrive at this stage, it will be time enough to discuss the question of the need of such an institution in our small Province.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

We wish, first of all, to record our gratitude to the many dear friends—in the ministry and out of it—who have sent us warm words of loving brotherly confidence and cheer. Most of all, does the thought that so many are remembering us before God, give us courage. Will not all who read these lines send up to Him whose glory we wish to promote at least one petition for the *Messenger* and *Visitor*. We are liable to make many mistakes, in the newness of the work; but we wish the friends to be gentle as well as faithful.

We can understand Bro. Selden's feelings in dissolving his connection with the *Messenger*. We are happy to know, however, from conversation with him, that he is entirely satisfied with the way our company have treated him; and the feeling is growing upon him that the consolidated paper is approved of God. We tender to both Dr. Hopper and Bro.

Selden, our best wishes, and hope their deep interest in the old papers may be the continued to them in these new careers. We shall always be glad to receive communications from them both.

Bro. Selden has kindly promised to have no connection, direct or indirect, with any paper which might come in and take from us any of the field or patronage which has been transferred to us through the purchase of the good will of the *Messenger*. He thinks he is in honor bound to prevent any one trading on the esteem his late patrons have for himself, by saying that such a paper will be to his advantage, in any way. Dr. Hopper has also placed in the articles of agreement between himself and the company a pledge, "not to injure the good will of the *Visitor* sold in the publication of another paper."

Dr. Hopper, Dr. Saunders, and Mr. Selden have all agreed not to prejudice the *Messenger* and *Visitor* in collection of the back debts of the old papers.

Let us look at the cheerful side of the consolidation of the old papers. It is not a death of either but a marriage of both. We need not have all dirge, but some wedding bells. Just as in all marriages, one of the parties has to leave home, and this is unpleasant. But we trust the two may be better and stronger as one than as twain. No, the old papers are not dead. We hope their best work is yet before them.

## Missionary Correspondence.

The following extracts from missionary letters just received, will be read with interest.

S. S. CLAN MATHESON,  
Port Said, Dec. 8, '85.

Six days before we reached Malta we had a storm. The rain fell in torrents, and waves were lashed in foam, while the "Matheson" rolled and tossed as though it were a prey to waters, as they dashed over the deck. We "lay to" for some hours, and when the wished for Malta came into view, no pilot could come off to us, and the captain very wisely decided to stay outside the harbor till morning. At ten a. m. we were rowed ashore, and spent a few hours in one of the most strongly fortified places in the world, and the last European land we shall see for some time. I fancy others have told you all, yes, more than I could describe. We came back to the steamer quite tired, and anxious to continue our journey eastward. The two last days have been very pleasant, and I enjoyed them better than any part of my voyage. I feel quite as well as if I were on land. When I was ill and had a distaste for everything, I wondered how the other passengers could have such an appetite as to take everything that was set before them. I wonder no longer for now I do the same.

A. C. GRAY.

## SURE CANAL.

S. S. Clan Matheson, Dec. 10, '84.  
On the evening of the 5th inst. we entered the canal, and steamed the distance, five miles only, having arrived at one of the stations where the steamer was fastened with ropes. No vessel is allowed to go through the canal at night lest there should be a collision, neither are they permitted to pass by each other in the day, that is, both are not to be in motion. There are stations placed five miles apart, from which all the ships receive signals when to proceed, and when to tie up. At some stations we have passed by four steamers at one time, and then in turn six have passed by us.

From Port Said we have green shrubs and a very pretty tall grass on the banks of the canal, to rest our eyes upon. The latter was brought from South America and planted here to consolidate the sand, so as to prevent the banks being washed

away. To day we saw the house of DeLesseps, the director of this wonderful piece of work; also where the Princess Eugenie was when she opened the canal. Then we saw Ismailia in the distance. Next came the station where the caravans cross to go to Jerusalem, and whilst we gazed far over the desert in the direction of that loved city of the Jews we thought of the heavenly Jerusalem where those who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb shall rest from their weary pilgrimage forever. Although we have had some change of scene on the way, I must admit that it tires the eye to gaze upon sand to the right and to the left of us. The days have been perfect; a lovely cool breeze, and no hot sun to speak of. Indeed it has been just like the last of June at home.

We have very pleasant passengers on this voyage. There are two German Missionaries going out to their stations in Southern India, to labor among the Tamils, some married officers returning to their Indian homes and unmarried coffee and tea planters going out.

We hope to arrive at Suez tomorrow morning at eight o'clock.

When you answer this please let me know what day and at what hour the sisters of the Aid Society of which you are a member meet.

HATTIE WRIGHT.

RAMBUDDRAHWAH,

November 18, 1884.

It is two weeks to-day since we left home. Up to Saturday had two Bible-women and two preachers with us, then one of the former went home. We are all having a good time among the people, and have found several villages where the gospel was never before preached. Expect to get home next Friday night all being well. Next week we are going to the east of Bobbili, and will take the Christian boarders on that trip. Things are going on nicely at home, Merjina is getting to be quite a good manager. With kind regards,

Yours truly,

C. H. ARMBRIST.

KIMIDI, Nov. 25, 1884.

DEAR BRO.—Left home 11 days ago and have had a most pleasant and successful tour thus far. Will write particulars after returning home. Baptized three persons in a village near this town. Expect to leave here to-night. Go to the N. E. of Kimidi to a part of the district that I have not yet visited. Hope to spend three weeks more in that region and to reach home on the 20th of December. Will not be able to write usual monthly letter, this card will do instead. Glad to hear that another helper has been found, from Colchester, I believe. We are all well.

Yours fraternally,  
J. R. H.

For the Messenger and Visitor,  
Ontario Correspondent.

The close relation into which the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces have entered with us in the Upper Provinces in the matter of Theological Education has caused us to look with new interest—not only on your educational work, but also on all the enterprises in which as a denomination you are engaged. We are glad to learn that the Institutions at Wolfville are in a healthy and prosperous condition; that the endowment fund is being gradually increased, and the debts gradually wiped out. We hear with pleasure of the growing prosperity of the new Seminary in St. John, and trust that it may be placed on the soundest constitutional and financial basis. And we desire to congratulate yourself and the whole body of Maritime Baptists on the success which has crowned the paper movement. No step could be fuller of promise for unity and progress along all the lines of your denominational work than this. May you have all the wisdom and grace you need in

your new and very responsible position.

I thought that as Ontario Baptists are regarding with growing interest the movements of their Maritime brethren, it might be of some interest to the latter to know what is being done here in the matter of higher education. At the late meeting of the Baptist Union in Brantford, a broad and comprehensive educational policy was formulated and adopted. This policy contemplates in the end the establishment of a literary college in Toronto, but in the meantime and as a preparatory step, the complete endowment and equipment of Woodstock college.

It is believed that there are and will continue to be a large class of young men and women to patronize a school of this kind—a school not proposing to carry them as far as the University, but in which they may yet obtain a first class, practical and Christian education, and thus best qualify themselves for the duties of life. To this class of persons—and it is believed, they will ever constitute the majority of those desiring a more advanced education than can be got in the common school—the education to be obtained at Woodstock will be regarded as an end; but to those who aim at the University, it will be looked upon as an efficient means. For both these reasons, then,—that Woodstock may be a school complete in itself for all who wish to finish their studies there, and that it may be a feeder to the contemplated Arts College in Toronto, it is prepared to increase its endowment fund to \$100,000, to expend \$25,000 in enlarging and improving its buildings, and to make its teaching staff consist of as many, at least, as a Principal, four male teachers, a lady Principal, and four lady teachers.

No school that depends principally for its support on tuition fees alone can live and do the kind of work that is aimed at in this. Hence an endowment becomes a necessity. And in this connection I venture to throw out the suggestion that no benevolent Maritime Baptist could better serve the cause of education than by endowing the Principal's chairs respectively of the Baptist Academies in Wolfville and St. John. The strength and efficiency of these schools would thereby be greatly increased.

Of the \$138,000 required in all for Woodstock, \$50,000 is already as good as raised, leaving a balance of \$88,000. Of this sum the Baptist churches of Ontario and Quebec, are asked to make up \$56,000, and when this is done, Senator McMaster will contribute the remaining \$32,000. In order to secure this handsome offering which is made absolutely conditional on the \$56,000 being first raised and paid into the treasury—the churches are girding themselves for a simultaneous effort. An average of \$1.30 a member for two years is asked from each church. This will amount in fact to \$37,500 a year, but of this sum \$5,500 will go each year to ministerial education. Several of the churches have already moved in the matter, some of them contributing more than their quota, and there is reason to believe that the general effort will be successful.

Of the Arts College which is proposed to establish in connection with McMaster Hall, and to some extent with Toronto University, I cannot now definitely write. The heads of the different denominational colleges and the Senate of the University are in consultation with the Minister of Education, but until they have agreed upon a plan of action with which to go before the Legislature, their deliberation will not be made public. Suffice it to say that Baptist principles and Baptist interests will be carefully protected in the Federation that is contemplated. I ought perhaps to say—and I believe I shall be

divulging no secret in this—that when satisfactory plans are matured, it is expected that Senator McMaster will add to the list of his previous noble benefactions, by building, endowing, and equipping the new college at his own expense. SHAW.

## Wycliffe Memorial Celebrations at Halifax.

The event of the week in the religious world of our old city has been the Wycliffe memorial celebration, held in St. Matthew's church. A large and appreciative audience filled the spacious building, and was presided over by Hon. S. L. Shannon, who opened the meeting with a few well chosen words, pointing out the providential selection of the period in which Wycliffe flourished. It was only during the fourteenth century that the English language became the common tongue of the people. During the preceding century the Norman-French was the language in common use, and had the bible been translated in that century it would have been of little avail to succeeding generations.

The music was exceptionally fine, the excellent choir having been supplemented by many of the best voices in the city, and in truth many felt that the rendering of the anthem was rather too artistic.

The main address of the evening was by Rev. Dr. Barnes, who gave part of his carefully prepared lecture on the great Reformer, reviewing the leading points in the life and career of Wycliffe in his well known fervid and graphic style, a style of which he is so conspicuous a master.

The second resolution, reaffirming the views in regard to the supremacy of the word of God, to doctrines and forms of worship, which Wycliffe had done so much to elucidate and enforce, was moved by Mr. Cline, the pastor elect of Granville Street church. Mr. Cline discussed the positions held by the reformer in the successive periods of his life, his relation to the papacy, and the doctrines he advocated, showing that his opinions on baptismal regeneration and the eucharist, and in regard to predestination, were not such as we could commend, but on his great central principle of the absolute supremacy of the Word of God, we could all unite heartily, standing shoulder to shoulder. Mr. Cline's positions were well taken, his language pure and chaste, and his manner and address claimed the admiring attention of the entire audience. In truth, Mr. editor, let me whisper a secret to you, our Granville St. friends are just a little bit proud of their new pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Broken, the eloquent pastor of the Grafton Street Methodist church, followed with an evidently impromptu address, in which he made the curiously significant admission that a wide-spread belief in the supernatural efficacy of baptism still existed, as a survival of an old superstition, and in evidence, said he was frequently called upon to "baptize" dying infants, by anxious mothers, who wanted to secure for their babes the advantages of the rite? He performed it, he said, "to please the mothers," although he repudiated the idea of its being of the smallest service in regard to the eternal welfare of the little ones.

After appropriate and interesting addresses by the Rev. Mr. Jordan of Saint Andrew's church, and Peter Lynch, Esq., the meeting adjourned at a late hour.

Health is the second blessing that money cannot buy. Value it and be thankful for it.—Walton.

The spirit of melancholy would often take its flight from us if only we would take up the song of praise.

There is no heaven either in this world or in the world to come, for people who do not praise God.—Dr. Pulpford.











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THE NEW YEAR.

The old year has gone, bearing away the usual freightage of events great and small, and experiences glad and sad.

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feels, according to the sense of appeal and general need? Might not more be brought into active participation also, if each church met for prayer, instead of all making in one general service? When there is the general service, is it not expected that the ministers monopolize the exercises? These are questions which are of some importance. However the services may be conducted, we hope they may be of great power.

For twelve years I have had but one mind and desire on the "one paper movement." From the first, I have not doubted, that what is so, surely the desecration of our churches would be met.

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The following are the topics of the Week of Prayer, January 4-10, 1885, as suggested by the Evangelical Alliance.



Three of these are in P. E. I., and the remainder are about equally divided between N. S., and N. B. Some of these the Board hope to have supplied before many weeks. Allowing the grants to these 30 fields to be in about the same proportion as those already made, nearly \$4,000 would be required. Hence, it will be seen that for the carrying on effectively of our Home Mission work not less than \$10,000 per year is necessary.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

It may seem to some to be extravagant, to talk of spending \$10,000 in Home Missions. It is to let them look at what other denominations are spending. The Minutes of the Methodist Conference of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, show that that body expended during their last financial year, on the same field we are working, \$16,048.80, about \$600 more than was raised for all their missions within the limits of these conferences.

The importance, that is attached to this work by the Methodists of the Dominion is shown by the fact, that in their last financial year 47 per cent. of their entire expenditure for missions was for Domestic Missions.

I have not seen the report of the Presbyterian Church for 1884, but from the reports for 1883 I learn that their income for Domestic Missions in the Maritime Provinces, for that year was \$10,325.00. I have reason for believing that the income of the past year has been considerably greater.

THE RESULT.

The expenditure of \$10,000 in Home Mission work would greatly strengthen all our denominational work and give us greater power for the accomplishment of greater things in other directions.

A. COMBON, Cor. Sec'y.
Hebron, N. S., Dec. 31, 1884.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Said to Rev. E. M. Saunders, Halifax, all sums due the Christian Messenger to November 1st, 1884. All sent to pay beyond that date belongs to the Maritime Baptist Publishing Company, and will be sent to Rev. C. Goodspeed, St. John. If in sending money to pay back dues for the Christian Messenger, it is difficult to divide the amount, so as to pay the Messenger exactly to November 1st, 1884, send to E. M. Saunders and he will forward the extra sums to the Rev. C. Goodspeed at St. John.

Another successful term of study has just closed at McMaster Hall. Dr. Castle, besides discharging the duties belonging to him as president, has taught a class in systematic theology; Dr. McVicar has had three classes—one in Didactic, one in Apologetics, and one in Biblical Interpretation (English); Dr. Clark, two classes in Greek Exegesis (Epistles and Hebrews, respectively), and one in Homiletics; Dr. Newman three classes—one in Biblical Interpretation, one in Church History (first three Christian centuries), and one in the History of the Reformation; and Dr. Welton three classes in Hebrew—one Elementary, one in Joshua, and one in (Hebrew Exegesis) in Zekariah, and one in Pastoral Theology, besides a private class in Chaldee. About twelve are expected to graduate on the 1st May next.

A SAILOR landed in New York one day, and he said to himself, "I'll have a fine time of it before I go to sea again." It was Sunday morning, and in the madness of his wickedness he went up to a girl who was going to her class, and he spoke to her mocking and wicked words. She turned round and looked at him with her beautiful, sad eyes, and said, "Sir, you will have to meet me at the bar of God!" The sailor started back, turned on his heel, and made the best of his way to his vessel, that he might get out of temptation. He said afterward, "I never had such a broadcast in my life as that girl gave me; she raked me fore and aft, and swept by the board every sail and spar with which I had got ready for a wicked cruise." He went on his knees, repented of his sin, and found the Saviour.

There is no happiness nor misery in life like that growing out of the dispositions which consecrate or desecrate a home.—E. H. Chapin.

Religious Intelligence.

DOMINION.
NEWS FROM THE HALIFAX CHURCHES.—Granville Street Church—the mother church of our Baptist sisterhood in this city, is no longer quiescent. The hearty and unanimous call of the church has been accepted by Mr. W. H. Collins. He is a young man of excellent promise, genial, and devoted to the Master's cause. He is welcomed cordially by the brethren in Halifax. May his earnest efforts be eminently blessed in leading the young into the church, and the grand old church to yet greater and fresher victories. Mr. Collins was born at Boston, Ontario, studied at Woodstock College, and graduated at University College, Toronto. He has preached to several churches, the last of which was the First Church, Montreal.

We are glad to be able to welcome Rev. W. H. Collins to the brotherhood of pastors in the Maritime Provinces. He and his accompanying lady were members of our old church and congregation in Woodstock, Ont. We hope they may be very happy among us, and, what is better, very useful. May the old Granville Street Church have great prosperity, as they unite with their pastor in renewed labor for Christ and the peopling. —Ed.]

The Tabernacle, situated on Brunswick Street, near the railway station, is in a good location and doing aggressive work for the cause of Christ. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Avery, labors industriously. The Sunday School Concert which gave off last Monday evening was, in every respect, creditable to the school.

North Church—pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning, has taken of the out-pouring of God's spirit. Several have expressed a desire for the prayers of God's people and others are rejoicing in a new found hope. The Olio on Tuesday was a grand success. Some of the best talent of the City was secured by the committee of this entertainment. The Mission Band which supports Davidson India by giving \$10 yearly has been merged with the Sunday School. Boxes with "David" written on each, are placed before each class, in which the scholars pay deposit their contributions. This plan has been in operation only two months. The boxes were opened last Sunday, and \$21.06 was the contents! The school will be able to give largely to Mission work, if the contributions remain the same. Every school could do a great deal in this way if it would only try. No need to cry "empty treasures!" in that case.

ANAPOLIS, N.S.—The following cheering words come from this field, where Rev. F. O. Weeks now labors: "The congregations here are large, and we have some tokens for good. The Brown Hill section of the church opens their house of worship on the 21st ult, with a sermon from Dr. Armstrong, of Kentville, who was the pastor there for twenty years. The building has been remodelled and an addition made, which places the choir in rear of the speaker. The cost is about nine hundred dollars, and speaks well for the liberality of our friends. We expect a royal blessing on the new building. Acadia College opens.—The new term at Acadia College opens to-day. No effort will be spared by the teaching staff, and the Executive Committee to give satisfaction to all who may attend. There is a good prospect for a large attendance. WOLFVILLE, N.S.—On the last Sabbath in the year, the pastor, Rev. T. A. Higgins, in the morning took occasion to review the year in his sermon, especially with reference to his church. In the evening the services were changed from the ordinary to a prayer-meeting. Excellent remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. S. T. Rand, who spoke forcibly and instructively on the 4th Psalm, and by brother E. D. King, of Halifax. The service throughout was impressive and could not fail to profit.

JACKSONVILLE, N.B.—The good work at Jacksonville is hoped will continue. Last Sabbath the pastor baptized five candidates. Rev. Samuel Burt, who has been at home for a week has rendered as much aid in prayer exhortation and sympathy. MACNAQUAQUE, N.B.—Pastor and people are laboring and praying together for the salvation of souls, and desire to express their satisfaction that we have a single paper for our people. JEDDORE, N.S.—All correspondence for this church should be addressed to Knox Baker, church clerk, Lower East Jeddores, N. S. Bro. H. S. S. Milder has gone to McMaster Hall, Toronto, and wishes all correspondence addressed to him there. CENTREVILLE, CAR. CO., N.E.—A friend writes: Interest deepening, stout hearts bowing to Jesus, several profess salvation.

DEWATER ST., ST. JOHN.—Rev. W. J. Swaffield, of Haverly, Albert Co., occupied the pulpit of this church on Sabbath. GEMMA ST., ST. JOHN.—Rev. H. Cross baptized one on Sabbath. NEWCASTLE, MICHIGAN.—The S. S. of this church is in a flourishing condition. They had a pleasant time New Year's day and evening, when presents were distributed to the children to their great delight. Master Ingram Bill and two members of the infant class received prizes. Miss Issa Bill was presented with a set of furs and silver napkin ring, in recognition of her valuable services as organist. Mrs. Bill was kindly remembered.

NEW GLASGOW, N.S.—We have been holding special meetings in the Baptist Church at New Glasgow. Rev. C. H. Marshall assisted us for a week, after which Rev. J. G. McDonald came to our aid for a few days. On Christmas afternoon, Bro. McDonald gave us briefly his reason for being a Baptist, and after his address, four converts were baptized. The signs of future success are much more hopeful than they were before we began the special meetings. P.S. MACGONISH, MARGARETVILLE, ANNAPOLIS, N.S.—The S. S. in this place is in a flourishing condition, under the superintendence of Bro. H. T. Sloomb. This shows the result of careful oversight and earnest work. The friends of the school recently presented him with a handsome present as a token of their esteem and confidence.

Onro, YAR. N.S.—Rev. J. Eaton has just settled with this church, and is already taking a strong hold of the people of the S. S. and services of the church being largely attended. They intend to finish the inside of their beautiful church this winter. May God send his Spirit to fill the house. AKINIST, N.S.—According to long established custom, we held a New Year's service. The church met at 11 a. m. After the singing of hymns suitable to the occasion, and prayer, the pastor delivered a brief address from the exhortation of Peter to the elders and people applying the Apostle's words to our own circumstances. He coupled with the words "Be sober, be vigilant," the injunction of the Saviour, "I say unto all Watch," and pointing to the words hanging on a frame on the wall, announced them as the motto of the church for 1885. This also has been an established thing for years. The names of the members who have left us for the better land since last year were gone over one by one, amid great solemnity. The roll of membership was read, the list amounting to between three and four hundred, most of them about us, but many in the neighboring Provinces, in the United States, in British Columbia, in Bermuda and in Borneo. Prayer was then offered especially for our absent ones. The deacons each spoke a few words, and the meeting then turned itself into mutual congratulations and New Year's greetings. We find this a very profitable way of beginning the year. Indeed it is one of the most interesting services we have.

I visited Parraboro, this week. Found them waiting and praying for a pastor. Bro. I. G. Aikman, a warm-hearted railway official, and a brother beloved, is giving a series of lectures on young men on Lord's day evenings in the Baptist meeting house. Meantime, the prayer meetings are kept up. Bro. McLean's removal is a loss to the place, where he had obtained a strong hold upon the confidence of the people. Allow me, my dear sir, to offer you my congratulations upon assuming the important duties as editor of our combined journal, and to assure you of my sympathy, and also of all the help I can possibly give you. We shall, I have no doubt, send you a long list of subscribers. D. A. S.

HAMPTON STATION, N.B.—There are indications of good among the people. Some are seeking Christ! May the little one become a thousand! HAMILTON VILLAGE, N.B.—A new bell was placed in the belfry of the Baptist meeting house, on Wednesday, Dec. 31st, 1884. The bell is a very fine one of 322 pounds weight. The song is clear and full. The church and congregation have reason to rejoice in this step in the right direction. The leading man in this good enterprise was G. Flewelling, Esq.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, AT CANARD.—It has been the practice of the Baptist Church, at Canard, Cornwallis, for many years, to have a sermon at 11 o'clock on the 1st of January. A very aged woman now living remembers well the manner in which she heard Mr. Manning, then the pastor, announce this service on Sunday. "He invited us all to come up with him to the house of the Lord," she says, "for their would be a feast there." "And when we came we found a feast, a feast of fat things full of marrow," says Manning's text on that morning was—Psalm Song 5: 1. "Eat, O friends, drink ye, ye drink abundantly." And so refreshing was the feast that this aged saint, now nearly 100 years old, distinctly remembers the occasion.

The present pastor conducted the one the first of the year. After a brief and interesting prayer meeting, he preached a short sermon from the words: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Acts 9: 6. This was the fifteenth New Year's sermon, preached by the pastor, during his pastorate of seventeen years. The New Year's services seem to be growing in favor the past few years, for each year the audience is larger, and the interest greater. The text of this New Year's may be suitable for many Christians outside of Canard Baptist Church. Let many observe it and see it. A right use of the question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" may secure for them the happiest year they have ever seen. ONE PASTOR.

MIDDLETON, N.S.—The Pine Grove Baptist church begins the New Year with encouraging prospects. The united labors of Pastor Street and evangelist Young have resulted in a great ingathering of precious souls. At Brookville, where Chas. Van Buren was never witnessed before—18 were "buried with Christ in baptism" at Gates Mountain 1st; and at Mount Haily 2d; making in all 35 baptized since the work began. To God be all the praise. MORE ANON. E. H. S. P. S.—Having been effectually shut out of the Union House, the Baptists of Port George have decided, as they should have done long ago, to arise and build a house of worship for themselves. S. CHESTER, N.S.—I am sure that both you and your readers will, with the good people of Chester and vicinity, be rejoiced to learn that the terrible debt on our Baptist church building in Chester town is practically lifted. Once more,

after a struggle which has lasted many years, the church is FREE. Not quite all has been paid down. A few dollars still remain in the hands of those who have subscribed towards the debt, which I fully trust will soon come to hand, and when this is received we shall be literally free.

In accomplishing this good work the church and congregation have done nobly. Quite a number of the brethren have relinquished just claims which they held on the debt, which claims were upwards of one hundred dollars each. Thus we freed the indebtedness fund of about \$1900, at one meeting. At that same meeting it was decided to pay off the remaining \$700 of the debt by the end of December 1884. This took place about four months ago, and thanks be to God and kind friends, both at home and abroad, this amount has been secured. Upwards of two hundred dollars of this has been given by brethren and friends of the neighbouring churches.

The above subscriptions have been given by brethren in the following places viz:— Windsor.....\$43 00 Falmouth.....14 00 Hantsport.....17 75 Kentville.....13 25 Billtown.....26 25 Wolfville.....24 50 Chester.....17 75 Canning.....5 00 Tanook, Ironbound and Blandford.....25 00 Total.....\$225 00

The building committee met last evening to settle accounts etc., and I assure you they felt, as one of old, like "Thanking God and taking courage." They thank the brethren and friends who have aided them also. Yours in Christ, J. F. KEMPTON, Chester, Dec. 31st 1884.

PERSONALS. Rev. T. M. Munro is sitting at the bedside of Mrs. Munro, who is slowly but surely sinking. May support be given to the living and the dying. The friends of the Rev. F. S. Todd, at Cumberland Bay, remembered him on the 9th ult., in a donation of \$100. The Manuscript Church recently gave a donation of about \$75, to their pastor, Rev. T. A. Blackadar. Rev. J. L. Shaw, who is laid aside from work and is living in Portland, received \$140 from generous friends in Portland and St. John. May God reward them for remembering his afflicted servant. Rev. D. W. Crandall has been well remembered by the friends at Deerfield and Cheegoggin—\$500. Rev. G. O. Gates received a loving recognition of his services by his Bible Class.

Rev. C. Goodspeed and Mrs. Goodspeed received beautiful Christmas presents from their very dear friends of the First Yarmouth Church, and the pastor's Bible Class.

Notice. The new Methodist Home at Bonnell's Corner, Lakes Mountain, Parish of Moncton, will be dedicated to the worship of God on the 18th inst. [D. V.] Devotion will be by Rev. G. O. Gates, of Moncton, at 10.30 a. m. Silver collection at close of use of house. Services are expected to continue through day and evening, a cordial invitation is here extended to all who can attend. Yours etc., T. W. CARPENTER, Pastor. P. S. Westmoreland County Baptist Quarterly meeting, is expected to hold its session in same house beginning Monday 19th inst. T. W. C.

Receipts for Foreign Missions, December, 1884. James Moffat, for Amherst S. School.....\$ 23 00 Rev. John C. Morse, Sandy Cove.....3 25 Mary S. Morse, savings to give the Holy Scriptures to Heathen Children.....1 00 Estate of the late Sarah Ann Morse, Beville.....25 00 Miss Vall's class, Hampton Village, S. School.....5 03 Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., M. S. Convention Fund.....100 00 Seulah Church, Amherst, per C. H. Travis.....4 00

APPEAL.—The Foreign Mission Board is just now carrying a heavy burden. Scarcely any money has been received from the Churches since August last. The regular quarterly remittances were sent to India in November, and two lady missionaries were equipped and sent out. About two thousand five hundred dollars are required each quarter. Another quarter's remittance must be sent out early in February. The Board needs three thousand dollars at once, and a constant inflowing of money up to the end of the year. We appeal to churches and individuals for the immediate aid required. J. MASSE, Sec. and Treas. St. John, N. B., Jan'y 5, 1885. The Baptist Foreign Missionary Board will meet in the Secretary's office, No. 55 Germain Street, on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Visiting brethren will be cordially welcomed.

Received for W. B. M. Union. Dec. 21. Freeport, Mrs. P. L. Eldridge, per Mrs. Selden.....\$3 00 Dec. 20. Halifax, North Bay Church Mission Band, for the support of "David" at the Samulocotta Sem. per Mrs. G. Fiddling.....40 00 Dec. 21. Chester, per Mrs. J. F. Kemp.....8 00 Dec. 31. Tanook, Miss Rand, per Mrs. J. F. Kemp.....4 80 Jan. 1. Sundry, Isabelle G. G. per Mrs. Hay.....5 00 Jan. 3. North River, P. E. I. Kingston Mission Band, Mrs. John Henderson.....3 00

SADIE J. MAXWELL, Treasurer of W. B. M. U.

Convention Funds Received. Granville Street Church, Halifax, \$85 45 John Bow, Arjepakt, 10 00 \$95 45 G. E. DAY, Yarmouth, N. S., January 5, 1885.

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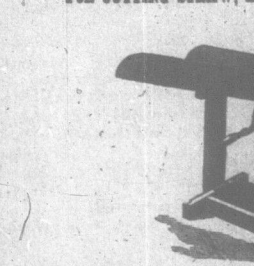
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INTERNATIONAL AND COLONIAL EXHIBITIONS. Antwerp in 1885—London in 1886.

It is the intention to have a Canadian representation at the Antwerp exhibition, commencing in May, 1885, and also at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, in London in 1884. The Government will defray the cost of freight in conveying Canadian Exhibits to Antwerp and from Antwerp to London, and also of returning them to Canada in the event of their not being sold. All Exhibitors for Antwerp should be ready for shipment not later than the 15th inst. These Exhibitions it is believed, will afford favourable opportunity for making known the natural capabilities, and manufacturing and industrial progress of the Dominion. Circulars and forms containing more particular information may be obtained by letter (post free) addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. By order, JOHN LOWE, Secy Dept. of Agric., Ottawa, December 18th, 1884.











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News Summary.

The New Brunswick Legislature is summoned to meet on Thursday, February 23rd.

There were about 500 deaths in Halifax during the year—less than two per cent of the population.

The value of "made" exports for the month of November was \$10,981,522, a decrease of \$258,383 compared with the month of October.

In New Brunswick employment is said to be scarce, as lumbering operations promise to be greatly reduced this winter.

The Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia have an organ—the Clarion, the first number of which was issued on the 2nd inst., under the editorial supervision of Rev. A. W. Nicholson.

A Johnston, Queens Co., correspondent writes that on Friday, 26th ult., the mercury at Thornton registered 35° below and in the valley of Long's Creek 29° below.

Prof. Wells, formerly editor of the Moose Jaw News, has been appointed editor of the Canadian School Journal, issued by a joint stock company in Toronto.

Medford, Jan. 2.—By the breaking of Val's dam down here, the great body of water which it held back came sweeping down Front Street, and was once a fine avenue is now the bed of a river, which rushes over an incline into the lower part of the city.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 1.—A daring scene of rowdiness took place at Bridgetown on Wednesday, when a number of roughs attempted to interfere with Constable Armstrong who had seized a horse and wagon belonging to one Gleencross for selling liquor in violation of the law.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Newcastle, on the 25th of Dec. by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Mr. George R. Cameron, of Windsor, O. Co., and Mrs. Adeline, of the same place.

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The cry of hard times is heard from all quarters. Recently some 2000 Democrats marched through the streets of Chicago.

There is a rebellion in Panama. The rebels, under General Forthouche, have been defeated with severe loss.

STOCK CRT. LVA, Jan. 4.—It is reported seven men were frozen to death, yesterday on the road between Niagara and Long Point. They were laborers on the railroad returning from work.

A gang of cowboys boarded a Southern Pacific train on Wednesday, and in the course of sixty miles, shot out all the car windows, robbing the train of its contents of peanuts, and generally conducted themselves in a wild and lawless way.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, a miserly woman of Lake Umbagog, N. Y., from a death in her room. She had \$10,000 worth of property.

THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN whose lives are but days of misery and their sighs of frightful drams, caused in a moment by the use of the vile opium.

YOUNG MEN—READ THIS. THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION, of Montreal, Quebec, has been organized.

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