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Agriculture.

Shade and Fruit Trees.

Let every child set a tree. We have nothing now to say to the men; they will set trees, of course, and tend them well after they are set ! But the child who has never set a tree, knows little of the enjoyment in store, if he or she has not one tree to care for and love, and water and feed and watch over, as it bursts into new life and beauty and promise at each returning spring. He who has practiced it, will know the sweetness of the enjoyment, and when the tree has gained stature and strength and sent out its broad and leafy branches to shut out the noon-day sun, how gratefully will be listen to the songs of birds that nestle and feed their young about him. And for this kind provision of a home, they shall teach him lessons of wisdom and trust, or beguile his hours of labor with their cheerful notes, or protect his crops from enemies so minute as to escape his own

Parents should encourage each child to plant a tree. It will be an object of interest through life, be often remembered, or spoken of, or visited.-Children will gather around it and relate old incidents of the homestead, and not only will it become the centre of clustering affections, but of gathering hearts themselves "My father planted this elm," said a gentleman the age of five years; I remember it well. See how its branches extend, and shield us from the barning rays; more than a dozen families people its sheltering top, whose social and hapby lives are perpetual lessons of confidence and love. My children ever read them with delight, and daily bless the memory of their grandparents, who planted this tree. In imitation of his noble example, they, too, have planted their trees, and these groups about us, lifting their heads to the skies, or reaching away into the air, are so many good genii around our dwelling, protecting and adorning and influencing all."-N. E. Farmer.

Apples.

"Apples have never kept better than the past winter," is a very common remark. Now we need only to look at the uniform, steady cold of the past season, and we discover one pretty essential condition for preserving fruit.

Apples will not freeze when water will; but a very low temperature will injure the fruit for preservation, when the mercury rises. Perhaps it is best to keep the apple cellar at about thirty-four degrees.

I see no reason to believe in the "sweating" of apples, by which is meant, that moisture asses out of them; I think it a mistake. When kept in thick bodies, or, when closel confined, as in barrels, moisture will collect upon them. It will never be seen, I imagine, where apples are kept at an even temperature.

When apples are packed in harrels, and become damp, as they invariably will, every impurity about the barrel moulders and becomes offensive. Apples rapidly absorb foul odors, and an earthly, fishworm, or musty and offensive one, substituted .- 1b.

Potatoes.

That fair potatoes can be grown, from what are called "small potatoes," there can be no are the Lord's, He will not allow you to be undoubt ;-but if the practice of planting only "small potatoes" is continued for several years, the crop will degenerate, there can be as little doubt. For planting, I would select those of fair size and firm texture, fully ripe. I would have the ground rairly fertilized but would take care that the potatoes planted should not come directly in contact with the manure, for when they do, there is more danger of the rot.

Sunflowers. An acro of sunflowers, one foot spart each way, will contain 45,560 plants. We find it stated that an average product would be fifty bushels of the seed and fifty gallons of oil. The oil is said to be excellent for table use, for burning in lamps, and for making soap. The refuse of the seeds after the oil has been ex-

Cows.

usually placed, and where the excellence of the article is regarded, and not the expense; but it

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

How are we to understand the Commission? [Continued]

with emotions of sympathy for the perishing for us to believe Christ is with us always, and to visit them once every four weeks, until arthousands; but they sicken at the little encou- remember his " Amen," and know that in the rangements can be made to secure a larger ragement for them to give themselves up to the darkest time he has a number reserved for amount of his valuable services. It is a matwork. They hear all the remarks which are Himself .-- 1 Kings, 19, 18. The other promise ter of deep regret that a minister can not be passed upon young preachers by old profes- is to those who believe and are baptized. "He permanently settled amongst them; for there sors; and it operates like a mighty hill of that believeth and is baptized, shall be soved." is an extensive and promising field around difficulty for them to pass, which at times they This promise having Christ's "shall" to it, is them to be cultivated, and no people can be despair of ever being able to surmount. Is it equally certain with the other. Before I be- more anxious than themselves for such an right for Christians to pray for more labourers came a Baptist I used to hear our minister event to be brought about; -nor will any into be thrust into the harvest-field, and then laugh about the baptists putting the cart be- disposition be manfested on their part to bear when they come, because they are a little more fore the horse in the way they administered a considerable portion of the pecuniary burden use the two-edged sword of God's word fear- ed." to a happy group " when I held it in place at lessly and they will soon cease troubling you. would go at the time you were thinking about was even then "every where spoken against." it, on your bed-did you not say-" I am slow There is one difference seen in the persons of speech?-I shall never be able to preach a sermon"-and when you felt such a desire for sinners to be saved, God whispered: Will you give up your life to the work of pointing them to Christ? "You said, I have got no learning and no money to get any." At another time after you had been praying to be guided in the path of duty, your mind dwelt on some passage of scripture, and you thought if poor sinners were before you just then, you would preach to them. God said, will you go? You thought of your schemes for getting ahead in the world -your oxen-or farm or wife you had just married, or wanted to marry-or your merchandise-and said, "I cannot go." The truth is, you have not consented to go yet-that is, you have not said-"yes Lord I will try, and if you bless my labours I will continue, if not, I shall think I am not sent, and give it up." If God has said to you go, He will chastise you whilst you do not go. Whatever way you take to get clear. He will hedge it up and disappoint your expectations till you surrender. He who now addresses you was after thirteen years, driven from one refuge to another, sorely chastised, and will have to lament his disobedience as and how often the fine, natural flavor is gone, long as life endures. If you would save yourself trouble, take warning and submit to what you would love to be engaged in; trusting in God, never mind about the pay, all you have got to do is, be faithful. The gold and silver

Lay-brethren let me ask you to look at the Commission and see your work. Though it is not said to you go preach, yet it involves that you are to go and hold up the preachers hands as Aaron and Hur held up the bauds of Moses. Strengthen them by your prayers and sympathies, co-operations and contributions and Sisters look at the Commission and see your work. Some would try to keep you from want you to preach-but remember your indo in sending the Gospel to every creature. your care, and mound their minds so that they Adderney cows. The milk of the Alderney the preacher, that that promise should be there. other settlement on the shore from Cape Canso the first that the preacher, that that promise should be there. If it were not, his strength would utterly fail to Halifax. As it is, he often is found like the Prophet in ft'is emphatically a Baptist community.

the Lord-1 Kings 19, 11. And there he sees friendly bickering and strife; and their devothe Lord's strong wind pass by and rend the tional exercises are characterized by the most mountains of trouble, and rocks of difficulty profound harmony of sentiment and feeling. which lay in the way of his success-and after the earthquake and fire were passed, the small | their pecuniary strength is too limited to allow Young men's consciences often trouble them still voice enquires- " What doest thou here"? them to secure the constant services of a Pastor. about going to preach. Their hearts throb and sends him out to work again. It is well The Rev. H. Eagles has, we believe, engaged awkward about their work than those who have the ordinance of Baptism. He said "children necessary to effect its accomplishment, probeen there long enough to know just how to must be sprinkled, as the water must be appli- vided some assistance can be rendered from go to work; is it right I ask, because such is ed to the candidate, but the baptists applied the funds of the Domestic Missionary Board. the case to sneer at them and make disparaging | the candidate to the water, hence the water was | It would be a pleasure for any minister to remarks, tending to their discouragement? baptized with the candidate, &c.," and further, labour amongst them, and in the surrounding Young men-you who are kept back because " they must be baptized first and taught after- settlements as a missionary. They are always of such difficulties-you will have to do as wards." It is strange how a man's prejudice ready to open their houses and hearts to receive others have done before you. Consider your- will make him see what is not written. The the gospel. A congregation can be gathered selves as having the authority of a messenger command is, "teach and baptize"—the pro- at any season of the year at a very short notice. from God-if indeed He has sent you-and mise is to "him that believeth and is baptiz- They are not at all shocked when the necessity

I was asked yesterday how long the Baptists Ah, but say you, "that is the query, has God had been in existence, I replied since John indeed sent me? Make me sure of that and I came preaching the baptism of repentence for will at once go." Perhaps you would not. Re- the remission of sins, and that Christ and the member Jonah. When God asked you if you Apostles belonged to that body and sect, which

> baptized then, and the infants now. They went out to be baptized-and came to be baptized of their own accord, but now in the case of infant's sprinkling they are not permitted to have a will in the matter. They are brought. Children were brought to Christ in his day for another purpose-Mark, 10, 13-16. Matt. 19, 13-15-but never to be sprinkled, &c. Jesus in agreement with the commission made His disciples before He baptized them-John, 4, 1 though He did not baptize Himself, He ordered his disciples to do it, when the candidate believed on Him-John 3, 22-26. When Philip went down to Samaria the first thing that he did was to preach Christ unto them-Acts 3, and when they believed "they were baptized both men and women"-Acts 8, 12-13. Neither would be baptize the Eunuch until he believed with all his heart-(Acts 3, 37.) We cannot find an exception to that course of procedure in the Bible. They understood the commission. There is also a dreadful threatening in the commission-" He that believeth not shall be damned." Is every reader of these thoughts a believer in Christ? Has he that faith that works by love and purifies the heart? Has he that love for the Saviour that prompts him to keep His commandments? Has he been baptized on a profession of his faith, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost? and is he observing all things whatsoever Christ commanded?

Northwest Lunenburg. April 15th, 1856.

For the Christian Messenger.

Isaac's Harbour and its People. MR. EDITOR.

Having just returned from a visit to Isaac's Harbour, perhaps a few remarks relative to that interesting locality may not be uninteresting to speeking in meetings. Of course they don't some of your numerous readers. Much might be said of the Harbour itself,-its delightful fluence, and try by using it right what you can and romantic scenery, extensive resources, industrious inhabitants, and their facilities for the Mothers, remember those little creatures under successful prosecution of a lucrative business. -besides the admirable security which it afpressed, will produce 1500 lbs., and the stalks may do something towards getting the g of fords to the mariner as he escapes from the when burnt for alkali, will give ten per cent. of to every creature. But I am dwelling lenger raging storms of the boisterous Atlantic. But potash. It would require a powerful press to than I intended. There are two promises at- we have no time to enlarge, and shall proceed tached to the Commission. How are we to at once to sketch, briefly, its moral and religious understand them. One is to those commission- aspect. And first of all, they are we believe a The Alderney yields very little milk. That ed -- "Lo I am with you always, even unto the thoroughly temperate people; -- there not being milk, however, is of an extraordinarily excellent end of the world. Amen." The Amen denotes a single "grog-shop" in the whole community. quality, and gives more butter than can be the certainty of this promise being fulfilled. Drunkenness and its concomitant vices have obtained from the milk of any other cow. Of "These things saith the Amen the faithful and never entered their quiet circle; a fact, signifithis no one can doubt who has possessed any true witness"-Rev. 3, 14. It is necessary for cant and patent, which will not apply to any

is not rich enough, yielding the small quantity the cave,-1 Kings 19, 9, but there the Lord And a more hospitable, frank and generous that she does, to pay for what she costs."-Ib. finds him or is with him, and encourages him people, we venture to say, are not in existence. Cincinnati.-En. C. M.]

to go forth and stand up on the mount before Their social felicity is seldom marred by un-

Owing to the small number of professors,

of making sacrifice to advance the cause of God is urged; and a little snow, rain or mud is hardly sufficient to keep them at home on the Sabbath from the services of the sanctuary. When they meet to hear the gospel they don't seem to have any time to devote to yaiming and sleeping. They don't repose their heads upon the backs of the pews, or lounge as if indolence and ease were the grand desiderata in attending the house of God. They sit erect, and look steadily at the preacher, as if they expected him to say something, and they were anxious

How widely different are a minister's feelings while preaching to such a people, compared with those which he experiences before a conregation whose drowsy attitude is but an llustration of Solomon's Sluggard.

The Church at Isaac's Harbor have a neat little Meeting-house in course of erection. They expect to complete it during the summer. Much might be added in reference to the pressing claims for missionary labor along the Eastern Shore; but we shall take an early opportunity of referring to that subject again. Hoping in the meantime that our coming Anniversaries will not close until some definite measures shall have been adopted to send the gospel amongst them,

I am sir, yours very affectionately, Cape Canso, May 17th, 1856.

We copy the following from the St. John

We are credibly informed that the Rev. Dr. Crawley has accepted the Pastorate of the 1st Baptist Church in Cincinnati. The Walchman and Reflector of the 2nd of April, thus quotes from the Cincinnati papers :-

CINCINNATI. The Christian Age, a Campbellite paper, congratulates, in the following manner, the Baptists of Cincinnati on a late accession to the ministry of that city:

'Mr. Colver was for many years a stirring prominent Baptist minister in Boston, where he made the halls of the Tremont Temple ring with his earnest tones, and zealous, caustic declamation. And now we have the fine, mild classic efforts of Crawley, President of Acadia College, Nova Scotia. We hope they may all be abundantly useful, in promoting the cause of truth and righteousness. But it is rather mysterious to us how the former friends and patrons of these distinguished men could consent to their removal.'

The Age thinks that Boston and Nova Scotia Acadia College in particular-can ill afford to spare Messrs. Colver and Crawley. But the Journal and Messenger thinks Cincinnati just the field for such men. Hear our Western contemporary:

"The 'East,'- Boston,'- Nova Scotia,'-Halifax,' etc.' are comparatively small places. brother; and there is nothing mysterious in those arrangements of Providence, by which gifts-graces, are drawn forth from certain restricted spheres to occupy wider fields for use fulness where they are needed."

A Yankee at the West is plainly an Eastern man 'enlarged.'

[There is a slight inaccuracy in the above statement. Dr. Crawley has not become Pastor of the first Baptist Chirch at Gincinnati. The Rev. N. Colver, formerly of Tremont Temple, Boston, and then of Detroit, Michigan, has been recently installed Pastor of that Church. Dr. Crawley is preaching to a Baptist congregation at Mount Auburn, in the suburbs of