

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!

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.

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.

I see no reason to believe in the "sweating" of apples, by which is meant, that moisture passes out of them; I think it a mistake.

When apples are packed in barrels, and become damp, as they invariably will, every impurity about the barrel moulders and becomes offensive.

Potatoes.

That fair potatoes can be grown, from what are called "small potatoes," there can be no doubt; but if the practice of planting only "small potatoes" is continued for several years, the crop will degenerate, there can be as little doubt.

Sunflowers.

An acre of sunflowers, one foot apart 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.

Cows.

The Alderney yields very little milk. That milk, however, is of an extraordinarily excellent quality, and gives more butter than can be obtained from the milk of any other cow.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

How are we to understand the Commission?

(Continued)

Young men's consciences often trouble them about going to preach. Their hearts throb with emotions of sympathy for the perishing thousands; but they sicken at the little encouragement for them to give themselves up to the work.

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 hands of Moses.

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to go forth and stand up on the mount before the Lord—1 Kings 19, 11. And there he sees the Lord's strong wind pass by and rend the mountains of trouble, and rocks of difficulty which lay in the way of his success—and after the earthquake and fire were passed, the small still voice enquires—"What doest thou here?"

I was asked yesterday how long the Baptists had been in existence, I replied since John came preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, and that Christ and the Apostles belonged to that body and sect, which was even then "every where spoken against."

There is one difference seen in the persons 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.

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 some of your numerous readers.

It is emphatically a Baptist community. And a more hospitable, frank and generous people, we venture to say, are not in existence.

Their social felicity is seldom marred by unfriendly bickering and strife;—and their devotional exercises are characterized by the most profound harmony of sentiment and feeling.

Owing to the small number of professors, their pecuniary strength is too limited to allow them to secure the constant services of a Pastor. The Rev. H. Eagles has, we believe, engaged to visit them once every four weeks, until arrangements can be made to secure a larger amount of his valuable services.

It would be a pleasure for any minister to labour amongst them, and in the surrounding settlements as a missionary. They are always ready to open their houses and hearts to receive the gospel. A congregation can be gathered at any season of the year at a very short notice.

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

I am sir, yours very affectionately,

J. C. HUBB.

Cape Canso, May 17th, 1856.

We copy the following from the St. John's Christian Visitor.

We are credibly informed that the Rev. Dr. Crawley has accepted the Pastorate of the 1st Baptist Church in Cincinnati.

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.

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 usefulness 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 Church at Cincinnati. 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 Cincinnati.—Ed. C. M.]