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Those who have not yet paid their subscription for the Christian Messenger, will much oblige us by sending it on immediately, as we are in great and pressing need of all that is owing.

DEATH OF Dr. WAYLAND.

We find in all our United States exchanges extended notices of the removal of this great man. Such men as Dr. Wayland are blessings to the world. The influence of their doings extend far beyond where they are personally known or the age in which they live.

Rev. Francis Wayland died at his residence in Providence, on the 30th ult. In his death Rhode Island has lost its most distinguished citizen, and the country one of its foremost ministers and educators.

He was born in New York, March 11, 1796, entered Union College, in 1811, and graduated in 1813, at the early age of seventeen. For three years subsequently he studied medicine, but feeling that he was called of God to the ministry, he entered Andover Theological Seminary in 1816.

He was chosen President of Brown University, and entered on the duties of this office in February, 1827. He subsequently regretted this change of professional life, and expressed publicly the conviction that he erred in leaving the pastorate for the professor's chair.

For more than twenty-eight years he presided over the institution with a vigor and enthusiasm and success surpassed by no President in the land, nor would it be exaggeration to say, equaled by none. He was a hard student, a teacher kindling inspiration in his students, and a rigid disciplinarian.

At the monthly meeting of the Baptist pastors of Boston and its vicinity, held at Tremont Temple on the following Monday, a delegation, of eight in number, was appointed to attend Dr. W.'s funeral. By request, Dr. Stow prepared the following as the testimony of the ministers respecting the deceased.

The Baptist ministers of Boston and vicinity are painfully oppressed by the intelligence which has this morning reached them of the death of Rev. Francis Wayland, D. D., LL. D., and while the time is too short for the preparation of such a notice of the afflictive event as it eminently deserves, they cannot forbear to give

some formal expression to the feelings of their stricken hearts, and especially to the sense they have of his Providential bereavement.

For more than forty years Dr. Wayland stood foremost in the ranks of our ministry, and of that ministry he was ever an undimmed light and an appreciated ornament. With intellectual powers unsurpassed and scarcely equalled on this continent, he devoted them all, with singular industry and fidelity, to the execution of the highest trusts committed by God to human hands. He did more than any other man in our denomination for the culture of mind and for the quickening and direction of enterprise in every field of evangelical usefulness.

Dr. Wayland was really a man of God, eminently spiritual, pure-minded, devotional. He knew the power of the Christian life, and illustrated it with great simplicity and beauty. His name will through all time stand among the worthies who have adorned their Christian vocation, and been the benefactors of their race.

The ministers here assembled deplore his removal, honor his memory, and pray the Head of the Church to raise up others who shall as faithfully fulfil their mission.

COMMUNION.

The subject of communion was adopted for discussion at the last monthly meeting of the Baptist ministers in Boston and vicinity. We should be glad to have a fuller report of what was said. The W. & R. gives the following very brief notice:

The subject elicited lively remarks from Ben. Gardner, Earle, Fulton, Bronson, and Prof. J. Newton Brown. Interesting experiences in connection with the question were related, and all that was said went to show the feasibility of adhering to the practice of strict communion even under the most trying circumstances, in spite of representations to the contrary from advocates of a looser church order.

At the same meeting baptisms were reported from South Abington 1, East Cambridge 2, Lexington 1, First Charlestown 2, Bethel church 6, Second Lynn 2, Bowdoin Square 1, South Reading 9, Union Temple 2.

TEMPERANCE.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

An enquiring was made in our columns a week or two since, respecting the Supreme Lodge of the above organization. Being informed that the Representatives of the Primary Lodges would meet in Halifax last week, when the question would be officially decided, we by request suspended information we might have given to our readers, expecting to have had some official communication for our present issue. As we have not received such communication we copy from the Chronicle:

BRITISH TEMPLARS.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Temperance Order of "British Templars" for Nova Scotia, held its annual session in this city during the present week. A large gathering of representatives were in attendance. The next session of this body will be held at Truro on the second Wednesday of July, 1866. The following are the officers of the Grand Lodge of this Province for the term now commencing, viz:

- W. P. G. Chief—J. N. Freeman, Esq., High Sheriff of Queens County.
W. P. G. Lecturer—Rev. Joshua Jordan, Truro.
W. P. G. Counsellors—Edith Woodworth, Lower Horton.
W. P. G. Chaplain—Rev. J. G. Anguin, Dartmouth.
W. P. G. Vice—Mrs. C. E. Mitchell, Chester.
W. P. G. Secretary—Fred. A. Laurence, Truro.
W. P. G. Treasurer—Chas. A. Marsters, Esq., Kentville.
W. P. G. Financier—John E. Chandler, Windsor.
W. P. G. Recorder—Stephen Sheffield, Canimung.
W. P. G. Marshal—N. Hardenbrook, Wolfville.
W. P. G. Deputy do.—Miss Sarah Mitchell, Canimung.
W. P. G. Inner Guard—Miss—Gould, Wolfville.
W. P. G. Outer Guard—Henry Mitchell, Kentville.
W. P. G. Past Chief Templar—John Marry, Windsor.

BRITISH AMERICAN ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.—The annual session of the Grand Lodge of the above Temperance Order was held in this city at Acadia Lodge Room, Hollis street, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of this week. The Order is in a prosperous state, and now has about 70 Lodges under its control, with a membership of over 3,000. On

Thursday evening the members of the Order in this city, entertained the Grand Lodge as their guests, at their Lodge Room. The room was beautifully decorated, and the tables were bountifully supplied with the most tempting refreshments. The entertainment was very successfully carried out, and certainly was a credit to the Templars of this city, who did everything to make their guests welcome.

- G. W. Chief—Rev. D. M. Welton, Windsor.
G. W. Coun.—W. H. Rogers, Amherst.
G. W. Lec.—A. J. Cox, Lower Horton.
G. W. Vice—Mrs. E. Abbott, Halifax.
G. W. Treas.—Wm. Imlah, Halifax.
G. W. Secy.—H. H. Read, M. D., Windsor.
G. W. Chaplain—Rev. Jas. J. Hill, Brooklyn.
G. W. Marshal—Wm. Stevens, Halifax.
G. W. D. Mars.—Miss Fuller, Windsor.
G. W. Inner Guard—Mrs. Shaw, Falmouth.
G. W. Outer Guard—Miller, Truro.
Past G. W. Chief—James Elder, Hantsport.

We learn from other quarters that the above two sets of officers arises from a division occasioned by alleged unconstitutional action. The Colonist gave only the first list as above, and stated in addition that the Supreme Grand Lodge of the whole order embracing at present four Provincial Grand Lodges, will meet in the city of St. John, N. B., in August 1866. It gave the latter list yesterday.

The Citizen on the other hand gives the same list, as that of "the seceding Lodges" organized under the title of the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Templars.

We give this information as we find it. The Templars, amongst our readers, must judge for themselves whether there is in existence a Supreme Grand Lodge, as was asked in our columns; and act accordingly.

Whilst we would not presume to judge between brethren or censure any engaged in efforts to promote Temperance principles, we do think it a great misfortune that there should be any divisions in the Temperance forces calculated to weaken their influence on the public mind. Good many nevertheless arise out of what at present appears injurious.

The Annual Session of the Grand Division of the "Sons" will doubtless bring together a number of Delegates from the country next week. The session commences at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening the 24th Inst. They have a great and important work in hand. Let them come with a resolve to aid in swelling the tide which shall eventually wash away the curse of intemperance, and bring, in its place, sobriety, industry and happiness.

A TEACHER.

I would beg to enquire, through your paper, of the Commissioners of Schools, or any one who can answer the question: If a certificate for teaching, given by the Examiners of Teachers in one County is not valid in another? Or if the Government appoints officers who will be required to do over one another's work as often as a Teacher removes from one county to another? Also, if four weeks out of the fifty-two is sufficient for relaxation from the work demanded from the Teacher under the new regulation? Judging from the time selected for vacations, a fortnight at seed time and a week at harvest, the Teacher is not expected to rest, but to engage in Agricultural pursuits? Surely, said an educated American when hearing of that feature of our School Law mentioned, "They cannot expect their Teachers to live more than two years."

In reply to the above we may state that we believe a license in one county is not valid in another. It would not be difficult to show the necessity for this arrangement. Holidays, we presume, are intended for pupils, and the time is named to suit them, not the Teachers, who may enjoy themselves every day after school hours, and have the whole of the above named vacations also. If Teachers are to live only two years, how many years may some of us, who work from early morning till late at night without intermission, six days in the week, without holidays, be expected to live?

Normal School.

A week or two since, we learned from one of the Examiners a fact or two concerning the recent Examination of the students in the above Institution, but expecting to hear from the Principal and receive a list of the Students, we deferred our notice. We extract the following from the Witness:

The Summer Term of this Institution was brought to a close by the usual Public Examination on Thursday, 28th ult. Three days had previously been occupied with a rigid private Examination, conducted by Rev. Principal Ross, Mr. Robertson, and Prof. Higgins, the Examiners appointed by the Council of Public In-

struction.—The duty devolving upon these gentlemen was one requiring no small amount of labor, and the very efficient manner in which they performed it is deserving of all commendation.

In order to afford the Examiners an opportunity of ascertaining the professional attainments of the Students, the first two hours were devoted to practice in the Model Schools. Six pupil Teachers were assigned, under the direction of one of the Examiners, to each Department. No one who witnessed this part of this day's proceedings could fail to observe the vast benefit of having Teachers trained to their work.

After two hours most successful practice in the Model Schools, the students and Examiners returned to the Normal School, where a large number of spectators had assembled to witness the closing exercises. Both Examiners and Students being wearied with their hard work during the three previous days, it was thought best to have no Public Examination. The exercises were, therefore, of a more brief nature than usual. After some excellent vocal music, ably conducted by Miss Hayes, the following students were awarded diplomas, viz:—

- CLASS I. GENTLEMEN.
Mr. John L. Brown, Lawrencetown.
J. A. H. Bindress, Wallace.
Stephen Hilton, Yarmouth.
Norman Logan, Pictou.
H. D. Rutherford, New Glasgow.
A. W. Franks, Lawrencetown.
Hector McLean, Broad Cove, C. B.
Geo. Murray, Pictou.

- LADIES.
Miss Jessie B. Archibald, Truro.
Lucy Marshall, Brookfield.
Bessie Stewart, New Glasgow.
Helen C. Page, Truro.
Eliza J. Mosely, Halifax.
Mrs. Anna McDonald, Truro.

- CLASS II. GENTLEMEN.
Mr. J. DeWolf, New Minas, Kings Co.
Angus Campbell, Hardwood Hill, Pictou.

- LADIES.
Miss E. Forbes, Old Barns.
A. Deller.
Minnie Embree, Amherst.
Jane Sterns, Truro.
Annie Harrington, Truro.
Harriet Stephens, Truro.
Bessie Elderkin, Apple River, Cumberland.
E. G. Archibald, Old Barns.
Margaret Tupper, Steviacke.
Sophia C. Scott, Gaysborough.

After brief addresses from each of the Examiners and Mr. Rand, Superintendent of Education, Rev. Dr. Forrester made some impressive and appropriate closing remarks; an original parting song was sung, and it was announced that the next Term would commence on the second Wednesday in November.

New Publications.

The Deputy Provincial Secretary, James H. Thorne, Esq., will please accept our thanks for a copy of the JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA for the Session of 1865. We frequently have occasion to refer to these public documents.

MURDOCH'S HISTORY OF NOVA SCOTIA, No. 2, is received. This number commences Vol. 2, and comprises six chapters. These contain a lively account of the siege and capture of Louisburg, and the dangers with which the capital of that date—Annapolis—was continually threatened. The history, in this number, is brought down to 1745.

MACKENZIE'S NOVA SCOTIA SERIES OF SCHOOL BOOKS, comprising seven volumes, from "Step by Step" No. 1, to "The Advanced Reader," No. 7.

We have examined each of these books, and have much pleasure in expressing our warm approval of them as a whole. They are far in advance of anything we have before seen. Each one of the Reading Books is well adapted to the capacities of the class of children it is intended for, and cannot fail to awaken in them a desire to know—the great object sought by every good teacher. When this principle is developed in the minds of the young, the work of teaching is more than half done. The whole comprises a most thorough course of reading lessons. No. 7 is a fine collection of poetical and prose compositions, historical, descriptive, grave and gay, sacred and miscellaneous, from the best English writers. The books are all got up in first-rate style. Several of them have a number of finely executed engravings. With these books well scattered over the province, and fairly remunerated teachers to use them in instructing the rising race, and we believe our province will soon be on a par with the best educated countries in the world, with respect to its Common Schools.

New Editions of Calkin's Geography and History of Nova Scotia, and Matholland's Nova Scotia Arithmetic, have also been laid on our table. Both of these books are securing for themselves a place in the best schools of the province, and are well adapted to give a knowledge of their several departments in schools or for private use.