moral restraints of Buddhism are not weak- a tender regard for you all, and know that It is, however, a long time since we saw a of Chicoutimi and Sagnenay, which Writs will ened until a higher Teacher can take the place in leaving you I am leaving kind, sympathiz- picture which passed so far over the line of Gautama, succeeding generations will see a ing friends. I shall often think of you and which divides the sublime from the ridiculous reformation of opinion and life such as state the happy seasons we have spent together as one in Dr. Gutbrie's Sunday Magazine education in India cannot produce. This in worshipping God. May heaven's choicest for the present month. It pretends to illusscheme of Colonel Phayre's may be the little blessings ever be enjoyed by you, and when trate the baptism of the cunuch, as described stone that will ultimately crush to pieces the lite's pilgrimage shall have ended, may we in Acts viii. 38. The position of the Eunuch most wide spread superstition that has ever degraded our race.

For the Christian Messenger.

## VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

BAPTIST CHURCH AT GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERBY. TO THE REV. JAMES E. BALCOM.

DEAR BROTHER, - Having at your own request accepted your resignation of the Pastorate of this Church, we esteem it a privelege as well as a duty, to tender you some token of our attachment and of the high esteem in which you and your companion have been and are still held by us.

During the six years and eight months which you have laboured with us in the Gospel we believe you have had the hearts and sympathies of your brethren and sisters with you, and now assure you that we very reluctantly consent to part with your valued services. It has been with pleasure and much profit we have sat beneath your ministrations, and when we view our connexion both in its social and religious phases we are constrained to say it has been most happy and pleasing. We fondly hoped our connexion would have continued, but in this we are disappointed. In your removal from this field of labour be assured that you take with you the affections, prayers and best wishes of the Baptist Church of Great Village for your future prosperity and success in your Master's cause.

We feel that we are about to sustain a loss, and sorrow fills our hearts. We sorrow that we are so soon to be deprived of the society of yourself and kind partner, that we are to be left without one to break to us the bread of life. But we sorrow not without hope, believing that God well overrule for the best interest of his own cause and for the promotion of his own glory, what is our loss We therefore desire to feel resigned to his

You have laboured most faithfully both in and out of the pulpit for the advancement of the cause of God in this place, and have been instrumental of much good; this Church having more than doubled its membership during your pastorate. In conclusion we would crave the best gifts of Heaven for yourself and family. May you and Mrs. Balcom be long spared to each other and to the Church of Jesus Christ. May your children become subjects of grace and pillars in the Church of God, and be a solace and support in your declining years. And may you be instrumental in advancing the Redeen:or's cause in your contemplated field of labor, that, in the great day when he comes to take his ransomed followers home, there may be many among them whose salvation has been secured through your instrumentality, who shall glitter in your diadem of glory throughout

Signed in behalf of the Baptist Church at Great Village.

H. C. UPHAM, T. B. LAYTON, Committee. AMOS FOUNTAIN.

REPLY.

er with you, I should not have resigned the tations of nature and art. pastoral charge of the Church, but as a the advancement of Christ's kingdom, we tend to be likenesses of our Saviour an Proclamation : Saviour and Proclamation have often enjoyed the presence of the Master, artist's fancy, without a particle of fact on It affords me great satisfaction to know that foundation of more pictorial representations God has blessed my labours among you to that of baptism. There are not many the salvation of sinners, whereby the Church of these that, as we understand the subject, have ing :estly hope they will all "stand fast in the ber to have s en but two representing our liberty wherewith Christ has made them Lord's immersion .- Generally they consist of you to God, and the word of his grace, which latter. These pictures commonly comprize is able to build you up and give you an in- other absurdities and incongruities, which heritance among all them that are sancti- destroy, in a great measure, the confidence fied." "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of the young in their faithfulness, and from of one mind, live in peace and the God of this circumstance fail to effect what the love and peace shall be with you." I have designer intended.

all, sanctified through the atonement of Jesus, standing in about six inches of water, mincingenter into "the rest, that remains for the ly lifting his short tunic for what earthly people of God." reason does not appear—is ridiculous in the

tender her warmest thanks for the constant with both hands stretched over his head, one kindness you have manifested towards her. is holding a cup from which water is pouring She fully appreciates it and unites with me on the head of the noble African. in these sentiments of tender regard.

J. E BALCOM.

## Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, AUGUST 21, 1867.

The circumstance of the Baptist Convention having its Sessions largely occupied in devising measures for promoting the wellbeing of Acadia College, and in providing for sending the gospel into Roreign Lands gives it comewhat more if a pecuniary character than the Associational gatherings, and therefore less connected with the promotion of religion directly in the churches from which the delegates come. Perhaps we may be allowed to suggest that it would be well to endeavour to obtain an increase in the devotional element in this gathering of christian

We would not for a moment intimate that there is not sincere earnest prayer on behalf of the objects brought forward for consideration. But we think the feeling should prevail more generally, that it is the work of Christ, and whatever is done is likely to benefit the churches, only as it is done in a prayerful, unselfish, trusting spirit. This feeling, we believe, is not generally prevalent enough. alive to their privileges and responsibilities in these matters we should soon find a differblessing would result.

Much should be said upon the paucity of men preparing for an entrance on the work would awaken in the hearts of suitable persons a resistless determination to give them. selves to the great work of publishing the gospel of peace and of making Christ known every where.

This is, we believe, no ordinary crisis in our history, and, if our brethren could but realize the commanding position they at present occupy in the church and the world, they would allow no considerations to deprive them of the honors already put upon them, and others, still greater, held out to them in this department of christian labor. Let us but " attempt great things for God" and we may " expect great things from God."

## A Picture.

Much of error is often taught by pictures. Some are so imperfect that they fail to give correct ideas of what their authors intend to shew by them. Others are more truthful in their 1859, and the main building in 186t, at a cost delineations. It is not now as formerly that Beloved Brethren and Sisters, -I am late years such pictures have been superceded, grounds surrounding are ample. deeply affected by your affectionate address,- even in our common school-books, by well-ex-Had I felt it to be my duty to continue long- ecuted and often really beautiful represen-

The greatest incongruities are to be seen in separation has taken place, it is pleasing to what profess to be historical pictures. The know that the termination of our concexion, artist commonly puts his own fancies into the as pastor and people, has arisen, not from design, and not unfrequently, either from ignordissatisfaction on either side, but a sense of ance or superstition the most ridiculous blunduty on my part-you, as stated in your ad- ders are the result. Error is thereby taught, dress ' reluctantly consenting to it.' During and it is afterwards very difficult for those the period it has been my privelege to labour whose minds are not well informed to get rid among you, I have received repeated mani- of the erroneous notion. One of these errors and realized "how good and how pleasant it which to rest. But perhaps there are few is for brethren to dwell together in unity," scripture subjects that have been made the

Permit me in behalf of Mrs. Balcom to extreme. Philip stands beside the Eunych, poetry which it is intended to illustrate is, we suppose, about as much like the passage of scripture as the picture is like the fact recorded by Luke the beloved physician. It is as follows :- o direct out discords activity

"There stood the chariot still. By the stream, when descending, As they stood in the midst, Philip, it bear On the dusky head bending, poured The water baptismal."

As a work of art the picture is below par. As a picture it is poor, but as an illustration of scripture it is far poorer, of os goods asset

## The University of Chicago.

The great West is not only great in the vastness of its extensive prairies and its supplies of the staff of life, but its people take an enlarged view of the wants present, and tuture, of its rapidly growing population. The Baptists have not been behind in this preparatory work. The University is an institution of which the people of Chicago may be justly proud. A description of this institution is given by a correspondent of the N. Y. Chronicle, a few facts taken therefrom may not be out of place. It appears that,

drawn together in conference upon the needs of work of putting in "the best men." A triumph the Northwest in the matter of higher educa tion, and made up their minds that the neces If all the ministers and people were but fully sity must be met, and a seat of learning founded adequate to meet it. Providence favored them at once. They chose for a site the very ground ent state of things amongst us, and a larger upon which the University now stands-a spot which cannot be excelled in the country for year's labor. Even in a temperance aspect beauty or convenience of situation.

Dr. Burroughs was the prime mover in secur ing the ten acres of land, and to him the Bapof the Christian ministry. From this gather- tists are indebted for the their control of the ing there should go forth such a voice as fine seat of learning. On the 29 h of Septem ber, 1858, he was elected President of the University, and two Professors were chosen to assist him, and in that month the College was Albunt Cairmy reat amader, Mcbenego

> The charter requires that the President of the University and a majority of the Board of Trustees shalf be Bartiste.

> The Law Department include in its Faculty, Commercial Law, Personal Property, Equity, Jurisprudence, Evidence, etc. There is no bet ter law school in the West.

When the entire plan is matured, the Uni versity will comprise a classical, a law, and a medical department,

About \$40,000 have been subscribed toward the endowment of the chairs, and the prospects for the tull endowment are good.

The Edifice is an attractive and imposing structure, and may be seen from afar out on prairie or lake. It is built of Illinois ma ble, is of a composite style of architecture, in which the Norman predominates, and reflects very creditably upon its architect, W. W. Boyington, E.q. of Chicago. The corner-stone was laid in 1857, the south wing was finished in of \$117,000. The north wing will probably be

The present value of the University property is about \$300,000, and will, to all appearances, soon reach a hall million of dol are.

The Hon. W. B. Ogden, has subscribed \$50, 000 on condition that \$100 000 are raised be sides. The Presiden of the University is now endeavoring to make good that generous sub secured by the time this is printed.

Faith &c., &c., &c.
To all whom these presents shall come—Greet-

Write in due form calling a Parliament in prove a complete success. our said D. minion, which Writs are to bear date on the seventh day of August instant, and to be returnable on the 24th day of September found to make a similar attempt in Halifax ? next, except, however, the Write for the electo- It would doubtless be a good investment of

be returnable on the twenty-fourth day of Octo-

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the great seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed.

Witness our right trusty and well beloved cousin, the Right Hon. Charles Stanley Viscount Monek, Baron Monk of Ballytrammon, in the county of Wexford, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Governor General of Canada, &c., &c., &c.

At our Government bouse, in our city of Ortawa in our said Dominion, this sixth day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Seven, and in the 31st year of our reign. By Command?

EDWARD J. LANGEVIN. Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

His Excellency has appointed Wednesday the 11th of September, for the Nomination of Candidates, and the 18th for the Polling to take place. The elections for the General Parliament and for the Local Legislature, will be at the same time, -the poll-books to be kept distinct.

It is now definitely known when the Elections are to take place, and of course politic cians will be using all their energies, up to the time of going to the polls, to improve the position of their own party and to damage that of their opponents. It is well for christian men to set a special guard upon themselves at such times. We do not believe in christians being indifferent about who shall be placed in offices of authority and trust. Let there, however, be no dishonorable means used on behalf of their party. Men sometimes torget that what they do at election times will be remembered long after those times have passed away. Tois is perhaps the lowest view to take, and one of the meanest motives which can be presented, for In 1855, several of the Baptist leaders were a course of strict integrity in carrying on the obtained at the expense of principle and character, we regard as worse than a deleat, More barm is often done to the moral character of a community during a week of a contested election, than can be overcome by a election times are often the ruin of many young men and the turning point of their downward course. Let there be measures put in operation for preventing such sad consequences without delay, in every community; and then, whichever party prevails, there will be no unavailing regrets to be indulged when it is to late.

> NEW IDEAS IN HOUSERBEPING. - It may be questioned if housekeeping has yet arrived at the highest point of development. In large cities there are good opportunities for experimenting for the purpose of ascertaining whether some new ideas may not be developed for the purpose of securing the comforts of nome, without having them so frequently interfered with by the freaks and changes of domestics. The experiment has been tried by builders in Boston, and we believe with complete success. One of our exchanges supplies the tollowing on the subject from

One of the living problems in New York, and in fact in every populous city, is how to maintain the independence and necessary isolation of household life, yet to be rid of the troubles, annoyances, and nameless vexations of glaring errors appear in the perspective, and tegun during next autumn, and will when com servante and kitchens. The matter has been incongruities mar the design of the artist. Of plete, give the edifice a front of 336 feet. The studied with care in all its aspects, and it is now becoming a pretty general conviction that bouses on the Parisian plan come as near to satisfying the prevailing wants as any that can be devised. And capitalists have completed their preparations to build, as soon as there is the least chance of a fall from the present prices of materials and labor. The buildings projected are to been a large scale, to cover several lo s of scription, He is getting on well with his work, land in unexceptionable localities, of an im-About \$40,000 have been subscribed, and it is posing architectural impression and still showprobable that half the amount necessary will be ing that they are truly domestic and of a home-

As they are to be divided, they will give a full suite of rooms, from five to ten in each, to THE ELECTIONS. -The Writs were issued every family occupying the building, each suite festations of your respect, confidence, and at- is that of the ring of glory, and rays of light, on Wednesday the 7th, and are returnable on controls independent of and detached from the tachment, and while unitedly labouring for often seen surrounding the head of what pre- the 24th of Beptember. The following is the other, and having a frontage on a spacious staircase. A restaurant is to take up the whole of the street floor, leaving of course rooms enough CANADA .- MONCE, L. S., Victoria by the Grace of a public character to supply the needs reof God of the United Kingdom of Great Bri. | cognized in a hatel. Thus private housekeeping tain and Ireland, Queen, detender of the and hotel life would be agreeably combined That has long been the desideratum. A family's meal may be taken in the restaurant; or served to them in their rooms; and thus all the roubles and annoyances of overlooking and Whereas we are desirous and resolved as soon taking part in kitchen work are as far as possias may be, to meet our people of our Dominion ble avoided. There is nothing in a plan like of Canada and to have their advice in Parliament this to hinder a family from living as elegantly free." And now, dear friends, in taking my John the Baptist and our Lord in water up to We do make known our royal will and pleasure under it as it it occupied the entire block which departure for another field of labour, I bid the ancies, the former-not sprinkling-but to call a Parliament, and do turther declare, that will erect so impressive a front for the public you an affectionate farewell, and "commend pouring water from a cup on to the head of the by the advice of our Pri y Council for Canada, admiration. Since something of the sort is so we have this day given orders for issuing our much needed, we hope the present plan may

When will some enterprizing builder be ral district of Gaspe and for the electoral district capital month for and standard and standard