

tions have need to be concerned in the question who shall be King of Spain. The pretence is, some breach of courtly etiquette! This is all! How dare monarchs consign their subjects to destruction by wholesale, on such a pretext!

It is but a pretext. Napoleon III. is finishing his career by this display of craft, selfishness and villany. For months his throne has tottered and his life been threatened. France has been convulsed with revolutionary excitement, and even the "Plebiscitum" failed to quiet the people. Severe measures to restrain the press produced still greater hatred. The Emperor knows the French people and how readily they can be excited. He has contrived a war to give vent to their passions. They are Papists—taught from infancy to hate Protestants, and think themselves doing God service by destroying them.

Napoleon thus turns away from himself the popular excitement, and rouses the people to assert and defend, as they think, the dignity of France.

But absurd and abominable as is that war, there are millions who are ready to justify and promote it. When has there been a war so absurd and abominable that it did not find supporters!—Advocate of Peace.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mr. Editor,—

Will you or some of your numerous readers, who are well versed in the rules, and usages of Baptist Churches, please answer the following questions:

1st. Whose duty is it in a Baptist Church to order at what times the Lord's Supper shall be administered in said church?

2nd. Is a church which neglects that sacred ordinance of our Saviour for a period of several years, obeying his commands, which reads, "This do in remembrance of me"?

3rd. Can a church which neglects so sacred an ordinance, expect to receive spiritual blessing?

By answering the above, you will greatly oblige

A CHURCH MEMBER.
New Tusket, Digby Co., Aug. 20, 1870.

Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, SEPTEMBER 7, 1870.

THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will commence its twentieth session, on Saturday the 24th inst., at Clements. Although the last in the order of time is not the least of the Associations of Nova Scotia, nor the least important of the three. It embraces a wide field in the western part of the province, and has in itself the power of exerting a vast amount of influence for good over the whole. Its annual sessions have heretofore been marked by a spirit of fervent devotion, and a manifestation of great earnestness in carrying out the objects for which the churches unite and co-operate. Our brethren in that part of the province have not the same difficulties which are experienced in the more eastern portion. Baptist sentiments are in general better understood around them, and more highly appreciated by the people generally. There is, we believe, also, less of prejudice to overcome amongst other denominations in their several localities.

Still human nature is every where essentially the same, and, although a community may be thoroughly imbued with Baptist sentiments, the influence of the Holy Spirit is no less needed to bring the heart into a condition to embrace the truth as it is in Jesus.

In this respect there is still much land to be possessed around all the churches, and the brethren need the influence of each other's countenance and counsel to animate and encourage them in the christian warfare, and to stimulate each other in the use of the means adapted to direct men and women living around them to the Cross of Christ.

Besides the local claims on the associate churches there are the great public objects so dependent on the action taken with respect to them at these annual gatherings. The world at large is given by the Lord Jesus to his disciples as the field of their good offices, and it is for them to devise measures for reaching it, to the utmost of their power. He said before he ascended to heaven "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." We trust that grace and wisdom may be

given to the brethren, so that an influence may prevail at this Association-gathering, and measures may be devised which will secure the divine approval, and result in largely extended usefulness and happiness to all the ministers and churches of the Association.

MR. TIMPANY AT TELOGOO.

Our Ontario Correspondent last week referred to the labors of Mr. Timpany, sent to Telogoo by our Canadian Brethren. The following extract of a letter from him will shew something of the nature and extent of that success:—

In the letter addressed to Rev. Wm. Stewart Brethor Timpany says:

"As to my field I scarcely know where to begin to write about it. Of one thing there can be no doubt. The Spirit is resting down upon a large portion of it, and is calling such as are ordained to eternal life. Since I came 41 have been baptized, and it would soon be ten times that number if I could get at the people. I want money for travelling. I want money for teachers and catechists. I want more men. Two days ago I took four new men and have not a rupee for their support, as they study and snatch up enough to teach the first rudiments of Christianity—not one of them can read—so you see what is to be done. Men come and beg for me to go or send some one to their village to tell them about Jesus, so that they may believe, and all I can do is to send them away as they came. The people are the poor, the day laborers, and are persecuted and often more than half starved by their masters, but still they come. What are they to come to? Will it do to gather thousands of them into churches and leave them to be devoured by the devil's wolves, because there are no under-shepherds to guide and feed? As far as the Telugu Mission is concerned we need prayer now for teachers and funds. Success has come. I wish you could have been with me yesterday as my boys gave their reports. It would have fired your souls as it did mine. If I could send out the men I doubt not more than one hundred would come in on the first of next month for baptism. When the infidel and faint-hearted Christian cry "Missions to India a failure," it is not the time for Christians who are working to let a field where the harvest time has come go neglected and unrequited.

The McLaurins are hard at work studying the language and doing very well indeed. Both are healthy, thanks to this seaside place. They have their goods all right, so I have mine. We are using the harness, it was as bright as the day it left the shop.

Mrs. Timpany and boy are well. The little fellow is learning to talk, a strange mixture it is of Telugu and English. He will put this straight as he gets older. Children never mix the language strange to say, after 5 or 6 years of age. Our united love to you all; your brother in Christ,
A. V. TIMPANY.

ACADIA COLLEGE.—The opening exercises took place on Thursday last, in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Wolfville. The Faculty and Students were in College costume, the former occupied the platform. The President Rev. Dr. Sawyer introduced Rev. Dr. Crawley, who delivered the opening address, which was able and appropriate to the occasion. It had reference to the course of education required to give a proper development of the human mind, such as leads to the exercise of independent thought.

At the close the President introduced Professor Jones the president of the Associated Alumni, who in the name of that Association presented the following prizes:

1st. Matriculation prize of \$20.00 to Mr. Parsons, of Kingston, Annapolis County.
2nd. Matriculation prize of \$10.00 to Mr. Currie, of New Brunswick; both of the present Freshmen Class.

The Sophomore Class prize to Mr. W. G. Pipes, and the Freshmen Class prize to W. G. Gates.

The two last mentioned prizes were awarded in June last, but not presented to the successful competitors until Thursday last.

The Freshmen Class of the present year we understand consists of eight students.

THE MISSIONARY, REV. H. R. VAN METER.—We learn by a note from the Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union, to the editor of the Watchman, that Mr. Van Meter died at New York, on the 19th Inst., Mr. S. says of him:

"He arrived in New York city only last month, following a long and fatiguing journey, having been seriously ill in Egypt, but it was hoped that after reaching his friends he might improve. Disease, however, had too strong a hold on him, and he has thus, after only one short month from his arrival here, been called to his heavenly rest.

Letters have been received via New York from Rev. E. M. Saunders to the 17th ult. He and Mr. Rand had passed through the interior of Ireland, had visited the lakes of Killarney, and were expecting to be in Belfast, the following day. We shall have accounts of their progress in our next and following numbers.

The effort to form a SUSTENTATION FUND for the augmentation of Baptist Ministers' Salaries in England appears to meet with good success. The acknowledgment of sums received shews that it will be a very effective help for churches, unable to provide fully for their pastors' support. The following will shew how the objects of the Fund are secured:

"A subscription of £2 2s. entitles to the privileges of personal membership, and a contribution of £10 (whether by congregational or individual subscriptions) constitutes a church a member. The practical object of the society is stated in the following rule:—"That the income of the society, after deducting working expenses, shall be distributed among those pastors of contributing churches whose salaries are not less than £60 or more than £120 a year."

To the poorer churches approved by the committee, the Managers says, "Brethren and friends, we shall be glad to help you adequately to support your pastor. If you will subscribe £10 over and above what you have hitherto subscribed for your minister, and hand it to us, we will add to it (say another £10,) thus increasing your minister's stipend £20 a-year." In this manner we stimulate the churches to large liberality, and only help those who are willing to help themselves. Here and there friends who are interested in some particular church, supply its lack of wealth, and generously subscribe towards the £10 which qualifies for membership."

The voluntary principle is found to be more efficient than the compulsory one in an Established Church. The disestablishment of the Irish church caused some gloomy forebodings amongst the Presbyterians who were receiving a portion of the Regium Donum. But on this source of supply being stopped they set to work to provide a substitute. At the late annual meeting of Synod held at Belfast, it was stated that not only had the loss been met by their efforts, but that an increase of £14 per minister had been supplied.

The first telegram from Napoleon to his wife on the opening of the present disastrous campaign will not be soon forgotten. His flippant remark "Louis has had his baptism of fire" is treated with well-merited sarcasm in the following stanzas:

LOUIS AND I.
"Louis has had his baptism of fire."
Emperor's Telegram.
"How jolly, papa! how funny!
How the blue men tumble about!
Huzza! there's a fellow's head off,
How the pretty red blood spouts out!"
"And look, what a jolly bonfire!
Wants nothing but colored light;
O, papa! burn a lot of cities,
And burn the next one at night."

"Yes, child, 'tis operatic,
But don't forget in your glee,
For your sake this play is playing,—
That you may be worthy of me."
"They baptized you in Jordan water,—
Baptized as a Christian, I mean;
But you come of the race of Cæsar,
And thus have their baptisms been."

"Baptized in true Cæsar fashion,
Remember through all your years
That your font was a turning city,
And your water its widows' tears."
London Spectator.

The N. Y. Tribune is no less racy on the late absence of the boy "Louis" from publicity:

LOST, STOLEN, OR MISLAID, a French prince, fourteen years of age, of tranquil temperament, wears red trousers and carries a bullet in his pocket. Was last seen going home from a baptism of fire. Is supposed at Paris to be in Metz; is supposed at Metz to be in Paris; is supposed at other places to be in London. Any information concerning him will be received with the greatest indifference by the Corps Legislatif.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE WRECK OF THE WHITE BEAR, by Mrs. Ross, author of Violet Keith, in 2 volumes. John Lovell, Montreal.

The story of this book is a most thrilling one, giving in the form of a narrative a number of events of a most touching description such as abound in Scottish history. The country as well as the habits of the people are adapted to produce a spirit of adventure and thus effect marvelous and hairbreadth escapes. We have a number of these cleverly interwoven with a very interesting, lively, domestic story in the above work.

Although there are occurrences described which appear almost beyond the bounds of fact yet we are assured by the author herself, that it is not a fiction. Mrs. Ross was at Pictou recently and there met with a lady who knowing the locality described and occurrences which had taken place there exactly similar to those described in this book, mentioned to her, that, although the place was under another name—Peterstown—yet she recognized the faithfulness of the narrative. The shipwrecks

described were also those which actually took place in the same locality. Mrs. Ross informed her that she had described actual events and that they were not the creations of her own fancy. We have much pleasure in recommending the book as a deeply interesting picture of Scottish life.

Mrs. Ross is preparing a large and valuable work on the Indian tribes of British North America, to be entitled "The Red Man." The sketches taken by her for illustrations in chromo are very beautiful. Mrs. R. intends the work to be as complete as it is possible to make it, and is now collecting legends and other early information respecting the aborigines of this continent. It may be two years before this work appears.

FAMILY PRAYERS by the Right Rev. Ashton Oxenden, Lord Bishop of Montreal &c.

This is a small ritual for use in families, the morning and evening of each day in the week. The prayers in themselves are doubtless good, for those who are unable otherwise to find acceptable words for prayer with their families. Where the true spirit of prayer exists such helps are rather hindrances to devotion. The difficulty most commonly felt in Family Prayer, is not so much the need of a form as to be able to avoid formality, and to offer prayer for such blessings as may be felt to be necessary for all present. By the constant use of crutches men become weak in their limbs but by using efforts to walk, they become stronger and stronger. So by free, earnest prayer in the family a weak person may become strong in his approaches to the throne of heavenly grace more than by the use of a ritual.

DAILY MANNA FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS, by Baron Stowe, D.D. Gould & Lincoln, pp. 128.

A text of Scripture and a choice stanza of sacred poetry for each day in the year, with a few pithy sentences calculated to awaken thought and spiritual inquiry. It is got up in the publishers' neatest style.

THE PASTOR AND PREACHER, A MEMORIAL OF THE LATE REV. BARON STOWE, D. D., by Rev. Rollin H. Neale. Gould & Lincoln, Boston, pp. 96. A concise sketch of the life of a devoted Christian minister.

THE SOUL'S INQUIRIES IN THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE, arranged by G. Washington Moon, Hatchards' London, pp. 270. An exquisite diary, with blank pages for autographs or memoranda.

Notices, &c.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1870.
Aug. 12.—Pine Grove Church, for n. p. \$ 12.00
" 16.—Baptist Missionary in N. B. 102.50
" 24.—Rev. I. E. Bill, senr., for an Independent Mission in Siam or elsewhere 5 00
Rev. Dr. Spurden to support n. p. 50.00
Collections at Convention 75.78
" 29.—Sab. Schools 1st Cornwallis Baptist Church to support n. p. 100.00
Especially to support Miss De Wolfe.
Aug. 9.—Mrs. Samuel Spinney 2 00
Aylesford, Aug. 31, 1870. C. TUPPER, Sec'y.

MONEYS RECEIVED AT CONVENTION IN FREDERICTON BY TREASURER.

1870.
Aug. 22.—North Sydney Baptist Church to support n. p. \$100.00
Amherst Church for do. 20.00
Rev. David Crandall 1.00
Bridgewater Juvenile Miss. Soc. 50.00
North River Church, P. E. I. 7. 1.3
Western Clyde Riv. Church 2. 4.6
Bellevue Church 3.10.0
Somerset Church 2.10.0
Cavendish Church 8.18.6
Uggs and Belfast Church 5.17.5
Charlottetown Church 4. 1.3
Col at Ass'on in East Point
to sup. Rev. W. George. 5. 7.2.
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by Rev. J. D. Davis \$131.68
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Dr. Tupper will please debit to us the former sum

WOMEN'S AID MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

In answer to the "Appeal made to the sisters of these Provinces," the following Societies have been organized as "Women's Baptist Missionary Aid Societies for Heathen Lands":—

Cape Canso, June 18th, 1870.—Mrs. S. Whitman, President; Mrs. A. W. Bigelow, Secretary. Number at organization 7.
Granville Street, Halifax.—Mrs. E. M. Saunders, Pres., Mrs. S. Selden, Sec.—No. at organization 15.
North Church, Halifax.—Mrs. D. Ellis, Pres., Miss S. J. Meagher, Sec.
Amherst, July 5th.—Mrs. D. A. Steele, Pres., Mrs. C. Bent, Sec.—No. at organization 23.
Windsor, July 12th.—Mrs Theodore Harding, Pres., Miss Eliza Harding.—No. at organization 16.
Palmouth, July 12th.—Miss Margaret Young, Pres., Miss Bessie Harding, Sec.—No. at organization 12.
Hantsport, July 13th.—Mrs. Silas Rand, Pres., Miss Irene Elder, Sec.—No. at organization 7.
Wolfville, July 14th.—Mrs. A. E. R. Crawley, Pres., Mrs. Cramp, Sec.—No. at organization 10.
Perceps, July 15th.—Mrs. Starr, Pres., Mrs. John L. Sanford, Sec.—No. at organization 8.
Canning, July 18th.—Mrs. David Freeman, Pres., Miss Sadie A. Cogswell, Sec.—No. at organization 13.
Canard, July 20th.—Mrs. Mayhew Beckwith, Pres., Miss Annie Lyons, Sec.—No. at organization, 16.
Upper Aylesford, July 22nd.—Mrs. J. L. Reid, Pres., Miss Lizzie De Wolfe, Sec.—No. at organization 11.