

at work in bringing round the result so often deplored, and, as yet so very partially remedied.

We are not quite prepared to endorse all the statements in the above article. There is doubtless, much of truth in it. We have yet to learn where "the supply (of ministers) for generations, kept quite up to the demand, and often beyond it," &c.

The "remedy" suggested in the above, is, "a deeper tone of religious feeling and a more earnest and becoming manner and speaking of the ministerial office." These are doubtless very important considerations, and not to be lost sight of as remedial, but can hardly be regarded as "the remedy."

The communication of our correspondent (J. M. C.) in another column, contains a piece of information, and some suggestions on this matter which are doubtless dictated by sound wisdom and benevolence. The conditions of the generous offer will we trust be met.

Some of the greatest men by which the church has been blessed, have come from the ranks of the poor, and it probably will be so for ages yet to come in very many cases. Where such are called to preach the gospel, and as it is in many cases, reluctance is felt to receiving pecuniary aid without making any return, less objection would probably be felt to the acceptance of aid in the form of a loan. Consequently those who now are deterred by feelings of delicacy from accepting it as a donation would find this barrier removed, and would by this means be enabled to enter heartily into the work of preparatory study for a life of usefulness in our Lord's vineyard. This we think will be one very powerful "remedy" for the existing state of necessity. We commend this matter to the serious consideration of the brethren. Let it be attended to forthwith.

Since the above was written we have received an article on the subject from our correspondent "Essayist." Our readers will be well prepared to give the more close attention to his article in our next.

We perceive by our Canadian Contemporary that the Baptist Associations are being held in the Upper Province. The 52nd Anniversary of the Niagara Association was on Wednesday and Thursday the 7th and 8th Insts.

The letters from the churches were hardly of such an encouraging character as could have been wished. Hamilton reported 16 baptisms, Beamsville 11, Rainham 10, and some two or three churches 1 each. Several churches and fields in the association are without pastors; and the cause is consequently in a low state. A committee was appointed to secure missionary-pastors and bring the claims of these vacant fields before the Board of the Home Missionary Convention. The claims of the CANADIAN BAPTIST were presented, and a resolution adopted pledges them to renewed efforts to extend its circulation.

The Grand River Association was held with the church in Fredericksburg, on Friday and Saturday the 9th and 10th. The weather being excellent and the roads good, a very large number of delegates and friends from the churches composing the body, assembled together. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. John Dempsey of Ingersoll, from the words, "These are in the world."—John xvii. 11.

The letters from the churches showed that the Association, during the year just ended, had been largely blessed in the gathering into the fold of the Redeemer, and burying with him by baptism in the likeness of his death, 252 precious souls.

Four other Associations hold their annual gatherings this month and in the first week of July.

The Address on our first page last week, and especially the closing portion in our present issue, will, we doubt not, be read with pleasure by many. If any should be tempted to pass it over, we advise them not to do so. It will well repay others besides preachers, to give it a careful perusal. The exhibition of Christ, his work and glory will do good to every christian heart, and will afford joy that such glorious privileges have been provided for those who accept Him as their Saviour.

In our list of deaths this week, will be seen that of Mrs. Sophia Harris, widow of the late John Harris, Jsq. We had long known Mrs. H. as a worthy christian woman, and warm friend of our Baptist institutions, and are glad to learn that she has not forgotten them in her last days and in the disposal of her property. Amongst her legacies we are informed are the following:

- \$400 to Acadia College Library.
\$200 to the Infirm Minister's Fund.
\$200 to the Home Missionary Fund.

It is curious to notice the dodges practiced by politicians to influence elections. President Grant is said to have been getting more and more unpopular for some time past, and it was said that his re-election to the Presidency was almost given up as hopeless. A very pretty story has now been invented, perhaps by his opponents, which will produce quite a new sensation for upper-tendom in the United States,—nothing less than an alliance to be formed between General Grant's son and the Princess Beatrice, the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria. The New York World gives it out that the proposal originated with the Queen herself. "Whilst the young Princess is only 14 years of age, the Queen's idea is that upon the re-election of President Grant and the beginning of his second term in 1873 the nuptials be solemnized. Young Mr. Grant would then be adopted as a British subject, and immediately appointed Viceroy of the dominion of Canada.

"It is her Majesty's belief that in this way the feelings of the three countries of America, Canada, and Great Britain could be harmonized as closely as their interests.

"It is also stated that the matter was intrusted to the London correspondent of a leading Radical journal of New York, who left London for New York about a month ago commissioned to sound the President upon the subject. This correspondent assured the Queen's ministers that the re-election of President Grant was absolutely certain, and thus contributed mainly to give them confidence in the scheme. The agitation now going on in favor of Mr. Greeley may disturb his plans."

Only think! how considerate of Her Majesty to be willing to sacrifice a daughter to the welfare of her country, to Canada and America!

We have just been looking at several ingeniously contrived articles patented by Rev. D. O. Parker. They are the result of thought indulged during the time of physical debility and weakness. Being laid up during the winter, Mr. P. employed his time in contriving to put into convenient portable form these pieces of furniture which may be made serviceable in every family. They consist of:—

- 1. A Portable Folding Cradle, patented in Canada and the United States.
2. Bed-clothes holder, to keep the clothes on a restless child or invalid, patented.
3. Combined portable Chair and Walking Cane, patented.
4. Combined Child's high chair and Lady's Work Table, Patent applied for.
5. Improved folding Washstand. Do.
6. Improved portable excursion chair. Do.
7. Folding Nursery Chair. Do.

We are glad to find that although Mr. P.'s life was despaired of, he is now much improved, and hopes are entertained of complete recovery.

We shall be glad to hear that these results of inventive genius are made to him a source of revenue and wealth.

Notices, &c.

TO THE WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES IN NOVA SCOTIA AND P. E. ISLAND.

Dear Sisters,—

In the month of April last, the Central Board of Women's Mission Aid Societies, published their quarterly report in the Messenger, and invited the co-operation of sister societies to the proposal suggested by them, of undertaking the support of Miss DeWolf for the future, thus relieving the Foreign Mission Board, by assuming what seems to be more particularly the work of such societies as ours, and leaving them more funds to expend on Schools, native preachers, &c. We requested the societies to communicate with the Secretary during the present quarter, which ends on the 30th of this month, but up to this time no response has been received to this invitation. The Convention will take place in August, when this matter must be settled, if proposed at all.

We must all be of one mind respecting so important an object, and we now request the Societies throughout the Provinces to give this subject their prayerful and serious attention at their July monthly

meetings, and through their Secretaries, communicate with the Secretary of the Central Board as soon as convenient.

Our sisters in New Brunswick are also moving in this matter, but whatever we do, let us "do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men," desiring above everything, that all may be done for His glory whose kingdom we desire to establish in heathen lands.

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M. R. SELDEN, Sec.

THE MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AND CONVENTION AT YARMOUTH.

Dear Brother,—Will you be kind enough to announce in the Messenger that the Ministers' Institute connected with our Convention will meet with us on Tuesday morning, Aug. 15th, at 9 o'clock, Drs. Cramp, Crawley, Tupper, Sawyer, Hovey; brethren Davis, McKenzie, Carey, Welton, the writer, and others have been selected as lecturers.

The Convention will be opened on Saturday morning, Aug. 19th, at 10 o'clock. The greater part of the previous day will be occupied by Boards in preparing their work for the public meetings.

As we expect a large attendance at the Institute and Convention, the brethren who intend to be present will please send me their names as soon as possible. Lodgings will then be prepared for them, and they will be immediately notified of the fact in the "Messenger" and "Visitor."

Yours truly, G. E. Day.

Yarmouth, June 17, 1871.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1871.

NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION, with the Church at North Sydney, Cape Breton, on Saturday the 1st day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

NEW BRUNSWICK EASTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its annual Session at Sackville, commencing on Thursday, the 11th of July, at 2, P. M.

The Fourth session of the PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will be held with the Tryon Church commencing on Saturday, the 8th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THE COLCHESTER COUNTY SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION will be held at Economy, on Friday, the 30th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and in the evening at 7.

DAVID PAGE, President.

News of the Week.

BAZAAR.

Change of day—Our lady friends of Granville St. Church have concluded to hold their Bazaar on Thursday the 6th, instead of the 12th as before advertised. The combined attractions of Strawberries and Cream, ices, flower show, music and works of art on the different tables will insure them we hope a large and generous attendance. A variety of articles of interest from Burmah, sent by Miss DeWolf expressly for the occasion, will it is expected be on exhibition and for sale, and add greatly to the interest of the day.

Our numerous friends in the Country who have so often profited by the Ministrations in Granville Street church, will now we feel sure be delighted to make some return, by sending their contributions to any of the Committee whose names appear in the Advertisement on another page. Further particulars in daily papers.

The 22ND ANNIVERSARY of the settlement of Halifax was celebrated on Wednesday last by a general holiday. The day was a most unexceptionable one, and everybody seemed to enjoy the cessation of labor. Our citizen soldiery had a grand review and shamfight on the common, under Colonel Laurie. There were also probably five or six thousand people on the common as spectators.

The Regatta so far as the citizens were concerned was a failure, it being held at Richmond but few were present to witness the several contests. The sailing matches were more observable, as they came down below George's Island.

We were sorry to hear that Horse-racing went on in the afternoon. We learn that some of the aldermen figured in a somewhat undignified manner before the crowd. The streets were almost forsaken. Many took the opportunity of walking or driving out around the suburbs, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day's intermission of the ordinary routine of business.

FIRE.—On Wednesday morning as some of the employees in the store of Mr. S. F. Bars were engaged in unpacking phosphorus from a barrel, the substance ignited, and in consequence Mr. Bars' son and a clerk, who was assisting him, were considerably, but not dangerously, burned about the legs.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A seaman belonging to H. M. S. Royal Alfred—a lad 16 or 18 years of age—fell from aloft, to the deck, and alighting on his head, was instantly killed.

The census returns of this Province have been completed and forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa. They will shortly be made public.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION'S CONVENTION AT WASHINGTON.

We gave in our last the report of the first part of this famous gathering. We have now the remainder, and shall take from it so much as we think will interest our readers:

The grand Reception-meeting was held in the spacious Congregational Church. After devotional exercises, President Grant was introduced, and coming to the front of the platform, in a clear and distinct voice gave the following model welcome address:

"The young gentlemen of the Christian Association will be very much disappointed if they expect any address from me. If there ever was an occasion, however, upon which I should deliver an address, I don't know any one that would be more likely to inspire it than when I see before me so many honest faces, and when I see before me so many whom I believe are engaged in a work in which they are sincere, and which I fully believe is for the general good. All I can say further is, that I hope that your meeting will be attended with great good and prove a great national blessing." Secretary Delano, acting for Gov. H. D. Cooke, who on account of sickness was unable to be present, then gave the delegates a most cordial official welcome to the new Territory of the District of Columbia. The secretary is evidently a faithful public servant and a pure-minded Christian gentleman. Hon. William Stickney, President of the Legislative Council (and superintendent of Calvary Baptist Sabbath school) then gave an address of welcome in behalf of the citizens of Washington. He indicated the objects of interest at the capital that would be most likely to arrest the attention and give pleasure to the visitors, and tendered the most generous hospitality to all present.

Responses to these addresses were made by Geo. A. Stuart, of Philadelphia, and H. Thane Miller, of Ohio. The President and Queen Victoria were appropriately noticed, and these notices were endorsed with great applause. But the enthusiasm culminated when Mr. Stuart said, "On this, the birth day of Queen Victoria, and on this, the day which we hope will be made immortal as the day on which the ratification of an everlasting peace between these countries shall be signed, I would say, God bless the Queen, and God bless President Grant. Long may they be permitted to reign over these great free nations; the two great Protestant nations of the world." These addresses were followed by the singing of the national anthem of England: "God save the Queen,"

and the national anthem of the United States:

"My country, 'tis for thee," with prayer by Rev. G. W. Samson, D. D., President of Columbia College.

The Convention was the sixteenth annual one. It was composed of delegates regularly appointed and accredited by Christian Associations in the United States and British Provinces, and embraced many active clergymen and laymen of all denominations. The arrangements for business were very perfect, and strict order and parliamentary rules were enforced from the beginning to the close of the meetings. Beside the ordinary reports, and the usual routine of business, three papers of unusual interest and importance were presented. These were an address by Rev. H. M. Parsons, upon the topic, "God's Word: How shall it be studied?" Rev. President Mark Hopkins, of Williams College; topic, "Modern Skepticism in its Relation to Young Men: How shall it be met by our Associations?" Hon. S. S. Fisher, of Cincinnati; topic, "Young Men in Business: What are their Temptations, and how shall they be resisted?" These addresses, in ability and exhaustive argument, in practical plain common sense, and in meeting precisely and in the most direct manner many difficulties, trials and wants, are worthy of the careful attention of not only young men, but of every citizen of the land.

The Report of Executive Committee shows that there were 776 Associations enrolled on the register of the Committee. 83 of these have been organized during the past year. 109 have been stricken from the list as too feeble even to make a report. 21 Associations have buildings of their own, seven of which have been erected the past year. 46 others have building funds of various amounts. The value of buildings now owned by Associations, and the amount invested to be used in future for such purposes, is \$1,846,501. The Committee issue an Association Monthly, of which 6,000 copies are circulated to subscribers. They have employed Mr. Robert Weisendell as missionary at the West for the entire year, and have aided Mr. John E. Vassar in his work of missionary colportage. The receipts for various purposes have been \$5,936.27, and disbursements \$6,872.19. \$10,000 were pledged by members of the Convention to aid the Executive Committee in publishing the Association Monthly, and to carry on missionary work at the West the present year.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Amsterdam, Netherlands, sent a most fraternal letter, and regretted that they could not be personally represented by delegates. The association of London, the first ever organized, was represented by M. H. Hodder and R. A. Tarlton, and that of Leeds, England, by John Fernil. The President of the United States sent an invitation for members of the Convention to visit him.

Resolutions relating to "Woman's Work," "The Use of Tobacco," to the "Better Observance of the Sabbath," relating to the "Inmates of Jails and Penitentiaries,"

"Temperance," the observance of the "Second Sabbath in October" as a day of special preaching service and prayer in behalf of the work of Christian Associations &c., were adopted. The discussions were brief, pointed, courteous and practical. On the Sabbath nearly every pulpit in Washington was filled by one or more clerical and lay delegates, while the Sunday schools were crowded with visitors, and the time in each one mainly devoted to addresses by delegates.

Out door meetings were held every evening at 7 o'clock, and on some evenings eight or ten were carried on at the same time, and all well attended.

Prayer meetings were held from 6 to 9 o'clock every morning, having a new leader for each hour, and an hourly changing audience. There were also prayer meetings in the evening. Sunday evening was the closing meeting, and of this and the visit to the President, the excursion to Mt. Vernon, as well as the unbounded hospitality of the people of Washington, we may speak hereafter.

C. E. Ratchford, Esq., has been appointed Assistant Receiver General of the Dominion for the Province. The old office of Paymaster, which he formerly held, has been abolished.

SEIZURE IN PICTOU.—The "Eastern Chronicle" says:—"A melancholy occurrence took place in Pictou on Sabbath morning last. Mr. Jas. D. Blaikie was found dead in his bedroom under circumstances which clearly showed that he had deliberately committed suicide. Sympathizing with the friends of the unfortunate deceased, we forbear giving details of this melancholy event."

The Yarmouth Tribune says—The tide of emigration from this town and County which is said to have flowed United Statesward some two or three years since, appears to be setting with redoubled force in the opposite direction. For the last two years the town proper has been steadily filling with population, until, at this moment, there is not an eligible house to be rented.

Tooth Ache proceeds from acute in the face, operating upon the exposed nerve of a decayed tooth. Rub the gum thoroughly with the finger, wet with Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, heat the face well, and lay a flannel wet with the liniment on the face, also put a little of the Liniment into the cavity of the tooth on cotton.

The system frequently gets out of order and should be at once regulated, else other trouble will ensue; when physic is needed take "Parson's Purgative Pills," they are a safe, wholesome, and natural Medicine.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BAZAAR.

THE Ladies of the Granville Street Church and Congregation are intending to hold a Sale of Useful and Ornamental Articles on Thursday the 6th of July; the object of which is to aid the New Church Building Fund.

They hereby invite the co-operation of their friends in other places. Contributions will be thankfully received by the Committee— Mrs. E. M. Saunders, Mrs. Moir, Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Mrs. Wier, Mrs. J. F. Crowe, Mrs. E. D. King, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. J. T. Twining, Mrs. Selden, Mrs. Barstead, June 28

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!

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- 1. The front or stamped side of the card is to be used for the address only, there must be nothing else either written or printed on it.
2. On the other or reverse side any communication whether of the nature of a letter or otherwise may be written or printed. Nothing whatever may be attached to the card, nor may it be folded, cut or otherwise altered.
3. There must be no words, marks, or designs, written, printed, or otherwise placed on the cards, of an obscene, indecent, immoral, libellous, or grossly offensive character.
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A. WOODGATE, P. O. I. Post Office Department, Inspectors Office, } Halifax, May 8, 1871. } June 28. 6w.

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