

ago that the Governors of Dalhousie, finding that the College needed one thousand dollars a year more than the usual income, decided to appeal to its friends for this sum, and in a few weeks they reported subscriptions running for five years to the amount of fifteen hundred a year. Surely the Governors and friends of Acadia should do as well as that.

ADVANCE GUARD.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., February 28, 1872.

AN APPEAL.

BAPTISTS OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Dear Brethren,—

The Lord Jesus Christ "after he was risen" said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." That commission is binding upon the members of His Church. None may plead exemption from the duty. Some can do meet the obligation by giving themselves exclusively to the purpose of executing the command. Some work at home and others abroad. The Lord has had a succession of such servants, the record of whose lives and labors forms some of the brightest pages of history. But few comparatively of God's people are able, or called to go into the distant and dark places of the earth, and personally engage in the enterprize of enlightening and emancipating the elect of Christ, who are being held as the bond-slaves of Satan. All that the many can do is to help the few who go. Said Andrew Fuller, "there is a gold mine in India, but it seems as deep as the centre of the earth. Who will venture to explore it?" Up rose William Carey and responded, "I will go down, but remember that you must hold the ropes." Fuller, and Ryland, and others now with Jesus, answered, "We will," and they did. Men and women have gone, and are going forth as our representatives to heathen lands, bearing the "glad tidings." It is ours to support and encourage them. Down into the deep degradations of heathenism are they descending. It is ours to "hold the ropes."

Our sainted Burpee for a brief season toiled among the heathen. He returned to die. Soon he went with the record of his service to his rest above. There was a pause in our Foreign Mission Work. At length effort was renewed in the way of supporting a few native preachers. Now our brother and sister George are toiling in India. Sisters DeWolfe and Norris are on the field. Brethren Sanford and Armstrong are under preparation for the foreign service. We have resolved to enter upon an Independent Mission. That mission will be established, ere long, in some part of India. The enterprize contemplated will tax all our energies. Already the call for self-denial, and prayer and faith is sounding in our ears, and is imperative.

And MONEY also will be required. Not more than you possess, nor more than you owe to Jesus. To start the mission proposed we need to make provision at once. We have no time to lose. A fund must be accumulated and kept replenished. Union and concentration of effort are needed. The work in hand must come more distinctly before the mind, and be kept steadily in view. The hour is near when the reality of an independent mission will press its burden of responsibility upon us, and the pecuniary resources needed for that burden must be in season at the command of your Mission Board.

During the year, ended last August, you contributed to the Foreign Mission Fund \$5238.11. That sum includes salaries of native preachers and Miss Norris' outfit and passage. The chief sources of mission funds are specific donations from Churches, Sunday Schools, individuals, and Women's Aid Societies. The question of supporting native preachers, and thus drawing upon sources to which the main work of our Missionary project must look for aid, is one we would commend to the serious consideration of the donors of such funds.

The churches in the Convention contain a membership of 28,416. Were each member to contribute but five cents a month to Foreign Missions, the annual total would amount to over seventeen thousand dollars. Are we not able and willing to raise that amount? We are able, and with a due sense of indebtedness to Him,

who redeemed us with His own blood, we shall also be willing.

Allow us to suggest that very much depends upon Pastors. It is forth to beget and foster missionary zeal in their churches; to call forth the ability and liberality of their members; to present the grand commission of Christ; to urge the wants of the perishing heathen; to plan for regular and systematic contributions; to observe the monthly concert of prayer for missions; to circulate missionary publications. Here is a kind of aid that Pastors can render, and in nothing can they more effectually help the cause to which their lives are exclusively and solemnly consecrated. Is your church, brother Pastor, sluggish, inactive, lifeless, divided, penurious, selfish, declining in numbers, in power and in usefulness? Aim to bring your people into sympathy with the cause of Missions. Remember the well-known and instructive fact in the history of Andrew Fuller's pastorate, a fact that has been repeated in the pastoral labors of other discouraged ministers.

Dear Brethren, many of God's chosen ones are among the slaves of Satan. His dominion is widespread and mighty. His allies and agents are vigorous, malignant and active. IDOLATRY, SUPERSTITION, and INFIDELITY are upheld by the hosts of hell and the teeming millions of earth's population. But the ETERNAL FATHER has given sure and glorious pledges to His BELOVED SON, saying, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Earth's long night of moral darkness is rapidly nearing its end. The morning is already breaking! The signs of the times are fraught with significance and hope! The political, social and ecclesiastical upheavals among all nations foretoken the approach of the predicted and grander epochs in the history of Christ's Kingdom on earth. The fields are white. Let us enter and reap. Let us renew the dedication of ourselves and of our substance to Jesus and His cause. How much owest thou thy Lord? He will soon reckon with us. If he who had but one talent was thrust into outerdarkness because he laid it up, instead of using it for the Master, how shall they escape who are hoarding up treasures which they can never use? Think of the Redeemer's cause languishing for want of that which they are holding with a close-fisted selfishness! Said one "What an awful thing it is for some professing Christians to die rich!"

In behalf of the F. M. Board W. S. MCKENZIE, Sec.

The Visitor of last week gives the following expression on the present aspects of the New Brunswick School Law:

OUR NEW SCHOOL LAW IN DANGER.

From what source? From its religious and political connections. Its originators, framers and supporters earnestly labored to inaugurate a school law that would disarm all denominational and political opposition, and command the support of all sects and all parties; and we flattered ourselves that this purpose was accomplished. But the stand taken by our Roman Catholic fellow citizens in throwing themselves in a mass across the track, as they have done in St. John, Portland and Chatham, cannot fail to call into vigorous exercise religious animosities of the bitterest type. Then their resolve to use all legal measures at their command to have the law repealed, points directly to the hostings, and shows their determination to fight it out on the political lines of the country. Here is the danger. The bishops and priests can make their people a unit at the hostings. Protestantism, one of the corner stones of which is the right of private judgment, admits of no such unity. This the Catholics fully understand, and will govern themselves accordingly. Wily politicians understand it too, and will not be slow to use it for the sake of gaining place and power. Hence, every candidate for political honors will be tested at the hostings by his school law proclivities. Does he declare for separate schools? then he is sure of the Catholic vote. Here is a bribe, which to unscrupulous minds thirsting for political notoriety, has peculiar charms.

It makes one feel sad, very sad, to see his country divided and subdivided on questions involving the highest interests of the people. The temporal and spiritual welfare of Catholics and Protestants demands that they shall live together in peace, and strive as far as possible to aid each other in promoting the general good. But if Roman Catholics are determined to open a combined crusade against the free and unsectarian education of the rising generation in secular knowledge, then it only remains for Protestants to throw aside their sectional bickerings, and unite as one man also in defence of the right.

New Brunswick, at the present moment, has upon her statute books, one of the best school laws in the world. The Roman

Catholics say it shall not remain there. What will the Protestants say? We are sorry, very sorry, to see the question assuming this shape, but the recent Catholic demonstrations have put it in this form, and therefore upon this line, the contest will proceed to its final issue.

The efforts which are being made throughout Great Britain, by the authorities are evidently in the way of placing education on a footing of equality for all religious denominations. So as not to allow any privileges to one body that may not be enjoyed equally by others. This too plainly appears to be the general desire on the part of the governments of Europe. The pressure of the clerical bodies upon the powers that be alone causes any departure from this principle. As might be expected where an Established Church exists the denomination that enjoys the emoluments of State patronage and support are able to secure advantages in the School Boards which are withheld from others. But the efforts of the people are towards getting rid of the restrictions, and sectarian disabilities imposed upon them, and we believe that the cause of free education is advancing. The Roman Catholic demands to have the entire control of the Schools is an attempt to arrest this progress, and to retain as much as possible of ecclesiastical control over the governments in this particular. Where this demand is yielded they will of course become very quiet, and proceed in building up for themselves a power which it would be difficult to resist, but where those claims are not conceded, there opposition may be expected from members of that body, until they have learned that Free Schools must be neither Protestant nor Roman Catholic, but Public Schools.

Yesterday was a great day in London. The observance of a public Thanksgiving by the Queen and her progress to St. Paul's was to be the occasion of great demonstrations of joy. Preparations have been in progress for some time past, along the streets through which the Royal cortege would pass, and it is said that the decorations would be on a scale of magnificence never before seen in London, and would of course attract tens of thousands to the metropolis.

We were told by telegram that Her Majesty had on Friday returned from Osborne to Windsor, in preparation for the grand pageant. The day was to be a public holiday throughout the kingdom, and would of course extend itself to every part of the British Dominion. There is some doubt if the Prince of Wales would be able to attend the Thanksgiving service, as he was on Friday suffering from slight indisposition.

"THE CHRISTIAN UNION" under the editorial management of Henry Ward Beecher is one of the most lively of the New York newspapers, and aims at being the most attractive weekly published. It ranks amongst the most popular journals in the United States, and is perhaps exercising an amount of influence surpassed by none. The contributors embrace well known and eminent writers from every evangelical denomination.

DEATH OF REV. THOS. BLEAKNEY.—The Visitor publishes the following telegram received on Wednesday last: WOODSTOCK, N. B., 21st Feb., 1872.

REV. I. E. BILL.—Rev. Thos. Bleakney is dead. Meet the friends with corpse, Friday night, on route for Petitcodiac. P. WOODWORTH.

AN EXCELLENT IDEA.—The Frederick Baptist Church are purposing to provide a Pastor's library. They have issued a small Circular from which we extract a few sentences as follows:—

At a recent Church Meeting it was unanimously decided to make an immediate effort to secure a Library, (to be the property of the Church) for the exclusive use of our Pastors in all coming time. Such a movement certainly only needs to be understood to secure for it universal approval and general aid.

It is well known that most Ministers find it difficult, with their small salaries, to procure such books as they require for reading and reference. And it is believed that many persons have works of little or no service to them, which would be of inestimable value to their Minister.

All interested are therefore requested to forward, as soon as convenient, to Mr. Richard H. Phillips, the Committee appointed for the purpose, their contributions in aid of this good work.

Many other Churches might take the hint here given, and form a collec-

tion of reading matter for their minister which would be of incalculable value to him; and, if properly taken care of, be a permanent supply for its future ministers.

The Local Legislature have decided that the pay of members shall not be \$4 per day, but a lump sum of \$300 for the session, and a deduction made of \$5 for each day a member is absent. This will probably have the effect of shortening the session and prevent the lengthy speeches in which members have formerly indulged. The two parties are supposed to stand in the House 14 to 24.

We regret that the notice of the Yarmouth Ministerial Conference for the 27th did not reach us in time for our last issue. It came to hand on Tuesday evening, the 20th, after we had mailed the Messenger.

THE GENEVA BOARD OF ARBITRATION on the Anglo-American claims consists of the following:—

Arbitrator on the part of the United States, Charles Francis Adams; of Great Britain, the Right Hon. Sir Alexander Cockburn, Baronet, Lord Chief Justice of England; of Italy, His Excellency Senator Count Eolopis; of Switzerland, Mr. Jacob Stampiz; of Brazil, Baron d'Itajuba.

Agent on the part of the United States, J. C. Bancroft Davis; of Great Britain, Right Hon. Lord Tenterden. Counsel for the United States, Caleb Cushing, William M. Everts, Morrison R. Waite; Counsel for Great Britain, Sir Roundell Palmer; Solicitor for the United States, Charles C. Beaman, Jr.

Notices, &c.

CAPE BRETON BAPTIST QUARTERLY MEETING.

The next session of the Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting will take place (D.V.) at Sydney, commencing with a sermon by brother Neiley, on Friday evening, March 8th. A good representation from all the churches is earnestly requested. S. J. NEILEY, Sec. per A. C.

COLCHESTER COUNTY BAPTIST SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Convention will be held in the Meeting House at Debert River, on Friday, March 22nd, commencing at half past two, P. M. There will be a sermon at the beginning of the afternoon Session. Evening Session to commence at 7 o'clock. A. J. WALKER, Sec'y. Truro, Feb. 16, 1872.

N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

To the N. S. Western Baptist Association. The Committee appointed by the late Association to secure a place for its next meeting is pleased to announce that the Baptist Church in Brookfield, Queen's Co., has asked the privilege of providing for its next Session. We therefore announce that the next Session of the Western Nova Scotia Baptist Association, will be held at North Brookfield, Queen's County, opening on the third Saturday in June.

JOSEPH JONES, W. G. PARKER, J. MELBOURNE PARKER, H. ACHILLES, Committee.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Editor of the "Christian Messenger."

DEAR BROTHER,—You will be kind enough to allow me to acknowledge in the columns of your valuable journal the following sums, in aid of the beloved cause of Foreign Mission: From Mr. C. R. Graves, of Somerville, Mass., (U. S.) Gold, \$25.00 From the Lower Granville Church, N. S., per Mr. J. D. Halford, \$8.00 N. S. C. \$32.90

Yours respectfully, Z. G. GABEL, Treasurer of the B. F. M. St. John, N. B., Feb. 23, 1872.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Amherst,—Miss M. M. Bent \$10.00 Bedeque, P. E. I.—Mrs. Edward Lidstone 2.00 Wolfville,—Mrs. T. A. Higgins 12.00 Canard,—Miss Janie D. Rand 12.63 Mrs. M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. St. John, N. B.—A friend, towards Miss Norris's losses, per Mrs. L. Cunningham 10.00 Feb. 27th, 1872.

NEW SOCIETY.

We are pleased to learn through Miss Helen A. Vidito, Secretary, that a New Society was organized at Berwick on Monday, Feb. 12, 1872, and trust our friends will meet with much success. M. R. S.

ERRATUM.—In C. M. Feb. 14, Autobiographical Sketch, page 54, line 7 for "Amberst. There" read Amberst Shore.

THE WESTERN HOME MISSION.

Dear Brother,—Please acknowledge the following sums of money for the Western Home Mission, From Pine Grove Church per J. P. Dodge, \$8.54

From Week of Prayer offering, Hebron, N. S., by S. Selden, Esq., 3.00 Interest on Debentures 29.20 B. H. PARKER, Treasurer of W. H. M. B.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—"Sydney" "Discipulus," "One," and other communications, besides editorial articles are unavoidably deferred till next week.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Joseph Dimock, 1 sub \$2. Rev. W. H. Porter, M. Normandy, (2), N. R. Morse, 1 sub \$2. G. Fleck, \$2. A. Mo Donnell. Rev. J. L. Read. Rev. J. Meadows. Rev. H. Achilles, \$2. A. E. Durland, \$2. A. P. Shand. A. McLeod—Know nothing of it. Rev. T. H. Porter, \$2. T. H. Patton, \$2. C. Hall, Esq., Rev. Dr. Tupper, 1 sub \$2. B. Wilt, £1 P. E. I. C. R. McDonald, \$1. Mrs. J. Smith, \$2. Rev. W. S. McKenzie. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$1.50. G. W. Freeman, Esq., \$20.

News of the Week.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The last Royal Gazette announces the following appointments:

To be a member of the Legislative Council—Robert Boak, jr., Esq., in the place of the Hon. Mather B. Almon, deceased.

To be members of the Central Board of Agriculture, under Chap. 13, of the Statutes of 1871.—George Whitman, Annapolis; David McNair, Antigonish; Israel Longworth, Colechester; Hiram Black, Cumberland; John Daken, Digby; George Cameron, Guysborough; Joseph J. Northup, Michael Tobin, C. N. Sprott, David Archibald, Halifax; Geo. L. Lawrence, Inverness; Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Kings; Benjamin Zwicker, Lunenburg; David Matheson, Pictou; George S. Brown, Yarmouth.

Lunenburg Co.—To be Issuer of Marriage Licenses at New Ross—John Pratt, in the place of George Turner, removed from the county.

COASTING ACCIDENTS.—As a little boy, son of Brenton H. Collins, Esq., was coasting in a field near his father's residence, on Thursday afternoon, the sled came in contact with some obstruction and by the collision one of the little fellow's legs was broken above the knee. Immediately after the occurrence of the accident the boy was conveyed to his home a surgeon summoned, and the broken limb set.

The following is given as a list of the bequests of the late ROBERT NOBLE:

His old servant, Mrs. Tierney, \$40 a year for five years. The poor of his native town, Peebles, in Scotland, £10 sterling. Mrs. Moreland's Orphan Asylum, Boston, \$50. St. Matthew's Church, for the Poor, \$50. The Blind Asylum, Halifax, \$100. Aid in establishing an Asylum for Inebriates, \$200.

Forty dollars each to the following objects.—St. Matthew's Church Sunday School; St. Matthew's Church Sewing Society; St. Andrew's Church, for the Poor; Zion Church, Cornwallis St.; African Baptist Church, Cornwallis St.; Trinity (Free) Church, Jacob St.; Old Ladies Home; Protestant Orphan's Home; St. Mary's Catholic Home; Girls Industrial School, Tower Road; Deaf and Dumb Institution; Bays Industrial School, Quinpool Road; Society of St. Vincent of Paul; Halifax Dispensary.

Twenty-five dollars each to the following objects:—St. Andrew's Church Sunday School; St. Andrew's Church Sewing Society; Missionary Society, Church of Scotland; Halifax City Mission; Colonial and Continental School Society.

Twenty dollars to the following:—S. T. Rand, Mic-Mac Mission; Athenaeum Band of Hope; Catholic Total Abstinence Society.

The will directs that the donations be paid as soon as convenient; and the testator states his regret that it was not in his power to make them larger. The whole amount is between fourteen and fifteen hundred dollars.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.—The 18th Annual Report of this Institution is just published, and gives indications of its activity and usefulness. The library and Reading Room are appreciated by its members. From seventy to eighty persons per day visit the room, and an average of seven books a day are taken out. During the year 96 members were added, and 83 struck off the list, leaving a net increase of 13. The total membership is 540. About five thousand copies of tracts have been distributed during the year, many of them among seamen in vessels and at the wharves. The Building Committee report that the sum of \$5250 is in hand towards the erection, and advise immediate action with the view of procuring a suitable edifice.

BRANCH RAILWAY TO WALTON.—The people of Walton are petitioning the Dominion Parliament for a subsidy to aid in building a branch line of railway from Elmsdale to Walton, or to the most suitable place on the Bay shore. This would be most desirable addition to our railways, and would be a great advantage to the main line as well as to the country through which it would pass and to all the neighbouring shore.