

love Him because He first loved us, and the testimony of other apostles was similar. It is not merely a love for Christianity, but a love for the personal Christ embodied in Christianity. Admitting then, that we love Christ, the question arises; How much do we love Him? And this is a question which often interests our minds, and sometimes perplexes us. Love is a very difficult thing to measure. It is liable to have other emotions associated with it, which deceive us, and mislead us in our estimates and measurements. Where we are capable of analyzing our emotions so as to separate love from all others, we might find it less or more than we now suppose. But the probability is, that with most of us, the estimate has never been very definitely made. We once knew a little girl who when asked, How much do you love papa? was accustomed to reply, "More than tongue can tell." So we would perhaps answer if asked how much we love Christ. The estimate is very indefinite even in our own minds, and, as we imagine, necessarily so. And yet here are two methods by which our decisions may be guided upon this subject. The first is, How many pleasures and pursuits and habits are we ready to give up for the sake of pleasing Christ? To what extent are we willing to deny self in consequence of our love for Him? The second is, What are we willing to do positively, in order to please Him? How much active labor are we ready to perform, and how much are we ready to sacrifice? Do we regard ourselves, our friends, our worldly possessions, our children even, more his than our own? And are we willing to give up any or all of these for Christ's sake? Then we love Him and perhaps there are no better method of measuring the strength of our love than applying these two tests.—Zion's Advocate.

For the Christian Messenger.

N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Dear Brother Selden,—

The Sabbath School Convention came off delightfully yesterday in Falmouth. The reading of the letters from the schools in the forenoon, was listened to with much attention. The Essay in the afternoon by Rev. D. M. Welton on "The relations of the Church to the Sabbath School," elicited some lively questioning, and interesting remarks. The essayist was requested to publish his lecture in the Christian Messenger, and prepare an abstract for the Minutes. The sermon preached in the evening by Rev. S. B. Kempton, in the absence of Rev. J. E. Goucher, on Deut. xi. 18-20 presented in concise terms, the Word of God as the instrument, and that word hidden in the heart as the qualification for successful teaching. This too, it is hoped will be given to the public. This interesting discourse was followed by a large number of speeches of seven minutes each, an abstract of which will be published in the reports. The meeting of the Convention was rendered peculiarly delightful, also from the warm-hearted cordiality of the people of Falmouth. The public may expect a rich treat next year in the new meeting house in Canard, when in addition to the usual exercises there will be Exhibitions of a Model School and model teaching. Yours truly, D. FREEMAN. Falmouth, Sept. 13, 1873.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., September 18, 1873.

We have no desire to place undue restraints on discussion, but would rather invite public attention to, and full examination of, all matters affecting the well-being of our associated churches and their efforts to promote the spread of the gospel at home and abroad. It may not be necessary for us to say that we do not endorse all that our correspondents affirm, or the opinions they express from time to time, notwithstanding that we do not feel called upon to offer any disclaimer in connection with such expressions of sentiment. Our correspondent "Merle," on another page, opens up a wide field of remark by his suggestion of uniting the Maritime Provinces in Home Mission work. His sweeping assertion "that out of our seven or eight Home Mission organizations in the three Provinces, we have not one that is

efficient, or that is likely soon to become so," is a pretty bold position to take, and one that should not be made except on the writer's own responsibility. As, however, we find that the same communication is sent to the Visitor and published without any word of remonstrance, we may say that such view is taken from a New Brunswick stand-point, and we may thus relieve our Nova Scotia brethren from any supposed responsibilities of making such a statement. Those "seven or eight" organizations may not perhaps be doing all they might, under other circumstances, but it is just possible that such a combination as the one "Merle" projects, might not do much better, or more real missionary work than is now being done. There might be greater facilities of gathering statistical information and of taking a glance at the field over which their jurisdiction might extend, but the real work done might be even less than it now is.

It is not worth while to try and depreciate the past and present labors of the number of brethren who are engaged in these "seven or eight H. M. organizations," for the purpose of supporting some untried experiment. We venture to affirm that there are but few Associations of Churches of similar numbers where there is a larger amount of missionary work done, than is being done by those of Nova Scotia; and whilst the amount of money raised may not be large, the labor performed with the amount of money expended is rarely equalled in any department, either civil or ecclesiastical. The zeal of the missionaries, too, in Nova Scotia especially the students and licentiates, is, as we believe, worthy of all honor and praise. Perhaps our friend's standard of efficiency would afford scope for difference of opinion on the subject, and on what is being effected by the combination of judicious brethren chosen to attend to these matters.

Passing over the opinion of our friend as to past and present mission work and appointments in these provinces, we might enquire what are the limits which an organization for most effectively carrying on Home Mission work should have? On this subject there is room for great difference of opinion arising from various circumstances. A Society, like a church, must have some sort of territorial limits within which it may be convenient for it to operate.

We do not at present perceive that a combination such as that spoken of by our brother would be the antidote for any of the deficiencies complained of. Each and all the Associations and Churches would have to give their assent to such a movement before it would be complete.

Nor yet do we assent to M's. opening remark that "at present there seems little prospect of any real union in Home Missionary work in Nova Scotia." When the needed legal preliminaries are alluded to we see no reason why there should not be a real substantial union formed of all the true friends of Baptist Mission work in Nova Scotia.

Under existing circumstances we think the territorial limits of each province would be convenient and effective for the boundaries of our several Missionary organizations. The limits we have hitherto had in Nova Scotia have doubtless been suitable and convenient—having the two Boards; but now that greater facilities of communication are opening up, it will be well to have an extension, taking in the whole province.

We need not, perhaps, occupy more space at present on this matter. Our brethren must not lose sight of the need there is for carrying on the work, whilst they are thinking of the best mode of promoting co-operation of brethren in it in the future.

McAlpine's Halifax Directory 1872-73 is now ready. In addition to its usual amount of information, of so much value to business men, and its Street Directory, Business Directory for Halifax and Dartmouth &c. &c., has a fine map of Halifax about 3 by 2 feet compiled and drawn by E. H. Keating, Esq., Civil Engineer expressly for this Directory. This map has lines indicating the distances from the Post office which will greatly enhance its value to everybody. The map is worth the whole price of the Directory and will we doubt not find its way to every office of importance in the city.

J. F. L. Parsons, Esq., the efficient Inspector of Schools for the County of Halifax, has been dismissed from office, we understand, without any reason

assigned. Mr. P. is a thorough educationist, and has been zealously devoted to the improvement of the schools under his inspection, and his dismissal is to be deeply regretted.

We perceive by United States papers that visitors to Halifax do not forget on their return home to speak of the treatment they receive in their visits to these eastern parts of the American Continent. They appreciate the kind attention shown them by citizens and friends with whom they meet, and go home to tell the thousands who read their papers, the pleasure and benefit they have received by their visits. After the Intercolonial is finished and it becomes possible to reach Halifax in a Pulman Palace Car we shall surely have visitors to Halifax and the other historical places of our Province by hundreds and perhaps by thousands. Let us prepare to receive them.

"THE DAYS OF JEZEBEL," an historical drama, by Peter Bayne. But few writers could take a portion of Scripture history, and present it in a readable drama without doing violence to literary good taste, or to enlightened christian sentiment. Peter Bayne has hitherto been known to fame principally for his vigorous Letters and Essays on the christian life, biography and criticism. He has not before made an appearance as a dramatist. This book however shows that his poetical powers are of a high order, and will command the attention of the literary world as well as a large portion of bible readers.

There has been much ignorance of the details of old Testament history, compared with what is commonly known of the New. This publication will doubtless lead many to search the Divine Word for the purpose of learning what are the facts on which such graphic and sublime pictures are drawn. The author does not adhere closely to the letter of the record but introduces some persons such as might well find a place in relation to the events so graphically described. Ahab is certainly a most despicable coward, but his heathen wife Jezebel is presented as an accomplished specimen of what the rites of heathen worship will effect in woman.

An Italian Methodist Minister, Rev. Antonio Arrighi, preached in the Methodist Churches of this city on Sunday last. It appears that he was formerly a drummer boy in Garibaldi's army, and emigrated to the United States a Roman Catholic. There he was converted, and studied in the Boston Theological Seminary, and expects shortly to return to labor as a christian missionary in Rome. His friends have since disowned him, but he continues to write to them in hope that they may relent from their hostility and receive the truth as it is in Jesus. He was also to deliver a lecture last evening on "Life in Italy."

The Opening Exercises of Acadia College took place on Thursday evening last. An able Inaugural Address was delivered by Professor Jones, an abstract of which we hope to give our readers next week. The first Matriculation Prize was awarded to Mr. Frederic D. Crawley, the second to Mr. J. McDonald, both of Wolfville.

In consequence of the continued illness of Rev. Dr. Warren, of Boston, who has for many years filled the office of Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, the Rev. G. W. Gardner, D. D., of Charlestown, Mass., has been elected to fill that office. The Boston Baptist Ministers' Conference at their last meeting passed a resolution heartily approving of the appointment. Dr. Gardner has had a large measure of prosperity during the 11 years of his pastorate at Charlestown, having baptized 198 on profession of faith, and received by letter and otherwise 194, making a total of additions to the church in the 11 years of 392.

We feel a measure of sadness at the thought of not meeting again with Dr. Warren as Secretary of the Union. His genial nature and excellent spirit was such that to know him was to love him. It is delightful to think that such men are the product of Christian faith and love, and that gospel principles in their results produce what is so lovely and lovable, even on earth. How delightful to think of heaven where all will be even more lovely.

We are glad to hear that Rev. I. E. Bill is actively engaged in his canvass of Annapolis County on behalf of the Endowment Fund of Acadia College. We hope to hear shortly of additions to the number of \$100 subscribers. Our brother is hopeful. He says:

Many refusals of course; but the seed must be sown. The reaping day will come. Noble responses now and then cheer us on. A hundred thousand dollars endowment for Acadia is the standard. We must come to it. One thousand persons giving \$100 each give us the amount. Where is the Baptist that has the means to give, that will refuse to be one of the glorious thousand? The Baptists of Annapolis Co. in this grand movement will do their duty.

Bro. Kempton too is at work in Queens, and Bro. Welton in Hants. We trust that each may find a large blessing in his work.

Notices, &c.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger. DEAR BROTHER,—

Again I come to your welcome columns to announce the receipt of the following sums of money for our Foreign Missions, and this is the first of the new account for the coming year, these sums should have been to the front two weeks ago but I have been unable to attend to it before:

- From the Bridgetown Church, N. S., per Mrs. Wm. Chipman. \$100.00
From St. George, N. B., per Rev. Mr. Hickson, Pastor. 20.00
From Amherst Church, N. S., per Rev. Mr. Steele, Pastor. 55.00
From a young lady of Granville Street Church, Halifax, N. S., another instalment of fifty dollars per year, which she intends to give as long as her Heavenly Father shall bless her with the means. 13.00
From Prince Edward Island, per Rev. John Davis, thus:—
Mr. Robert Jones. \$ 0.50
Alexandria Church. 2.00
Uigg Church. 14.00
Cape Wolf Church. 2.00
Cavendish Church. 17.42
Bedouque Church. 9.95
West Clyde River Church. 9.08
Sabbath School, North River. 3.56
Charlottetown Church. 8.83
Rev. J. Davis to make even money. 2.16
Mr. John Gardiner. 0.72
A noble friend in Charlottetown. 50.00
\$120.72

From the Treasurer of Convention being the collections in full. 60.76
Less various discounts. 7.87
\$369.48
Yours most respectfully, Z. G. GABEL, Treasurer F. M. B. \$361.61

BAD BANK NOTE.—Some three or four weeks since a \$2.00 note of "the Bank of Western Canada," was sent to this office in payment for the Messenger. The person who sent it, we presume, did not know that there is now no such bank, and that the said Note is worthless. We shall be much obliged if he will have the kindness to send us a good Note instead of this bad one which we will then return.

CORRECTION.—B. L. TELFER, Esq., Treasurer of Western Association, wishes to correct an error or two in the Account of moneys received at the Western Association. From the French Mission Church for French Missions, instead of \$12, it should be \$2, and the total for French Missions \$297.60 instead \$307.60. The sum total should be \$1976.40 instead of \$2076.40.

ERRATA.—In Rev. D. Freeman's Sermon, C. M., Aug. 14, page 261, column 3, line 5, from bottom, for "the Cross is the great central line," read, the Cross is the great central sun, &c. In the description of the Yarmouth Temple Church, for "the Spire rises 12 feet from the ground," read 121 feet.

The Annual Meeting of the Colchester County Baptist Sabbath School Convention, will be held in the Baptist Chapel, at Onslow East, First Friday in next month. First Session will commence at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M. The evening Session will commence at 7 o'clock, P. M. A. J. WALKER, Secretary. Yruro, Sept. 14th, 1873.

The Treasurer of Acadia College wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following: Per S. Selden, from C. Jost & Son. \$5.00
H. R. Cunningham, Senr. 4.00
For Current Expenses.
Leinster St. Church, St. John, N.B., \$66.00
Sussex Church, N. B., 42.00
Hopewell Church, N. B., 4.00

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.
Cavendish, P. E. I.—Miss Clark. \$10.84
Hillsbury.—Per Rev. J. E. Goucher 18.75
Mrs. S. SELDEN, Sec'y.

News of the Week.

WARD FOUR.—Mr. J. F. Crowe will be a candidate for Alderman in Ward 4.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, 2nd Sept., 1872.—His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council has been pleased to make the following appointments.

Digby.—To be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands A. M. Comeau Esq.
Yarmouth.—To be a Custos Rotulorum in and for the district of Argyle—James Harding Esq. in the place of Abraham Lent, Esq.

Inverness.—To be a Coroner—Thomas Wilnot, Esq., M. D.

Erratum.—In the list of appointments of Justices of the Peace for the County of Colchester, published in the Royal Gazette of the 21st August last, for John Potter, read John Porteous sent.

FIRST FALL SHIP.—The iron packet ship "Rosenath," Capt. McConnell, arrived on Saturday last 20 days from the Clyde. She brought one passenger Mr. H. W. Barnes, of this city.

COLCHESTER CO.—During the thunder storm on the night of Saturday last, a barn owned by a Mr. McLean, at Folly Mountain was struck by lightning and somewhat damaged and, a fine mare, the property of Mr. James McCully, at Debert, was killed in the pasture by the electric fluid.

WEYMOUTH.—A sad accident occurred at O'Brien's Mill, on the 10th inst., Isaac R. Hill, 17 years old, son of Mr. John Hill, Tusket, fell on a circular saw and had his left leg sawed off at the thigh, the other leg half taken off, and the foot of the same leg very badly cut.

A LITTLE WAIF about two months old, was left at the door of Mr. John Power, Sr., West Cornwallis, on Sunday night of last week. It was taken in and kindly attended to.

HANTS COUNTY.—A chapter of Accidents.—The Windsor Mail, of Thursday, contains reports of several accidents, some of them of a serious nature, which occurred in that vicinity within the past few days.

On Monday evening James Wolf, a blacksmith, of Falmouth Village, whilst in a state of intoxication fell from the Avon Bridge, and had one of his legs fractured, two ribs broken, and his head seriously injured. A few days ago a man named Patrick Fanning, whilst working at the Government wharf, Windsor, fell to the deck of a vessel and thence into the hold, amongst a lot of railway car wheels, and was considerably injured about the head and shoulders. At Hantsport on Monday night, a Mrs. Kirk, 70 years old, residing with Mr. John Davison, shipbuilder of that place, fell down stairs and broke one of her arms and two ribs. At Windsor on Tuesday evening, a widow named McCoy, residing with Mr. Geo. Robinson, fell down stairs and broke one of her collar bones. On the morning of Sunday last, James O'Donnell, a soldier of the Lookout party, stationed at Windsor, fell down stairs in Fort Edward, at that place, and broke his left leg below the knee. Last week Charles Gray, employed in a brick mill, at Hantsport, lost two fingers of one hand by getting in contact with some gearing of the machinery.

THOROUGH BRED STOCK.—We learn from the Journal of Agriculture that the committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture in March last.—J. J. Northup, Esq. George S. Brown, Esq., of Yarmouth, and Prof. Lawson, are about to proceed to the fair in the United States and Ontario, for the purpose of selecting some superior stock for this province.

The importation will consist of Bulls and 2 Heifers, 6 Ayrshire Bulls and 2 Heifers, 10 Leicester Rams and 2 Ewes, 5 Shropshire Rams and 2 Ewes, 5 Cotswold Rams and 2 Ewes.

The animals will be sold at Halifax, by auction, between the middle and end of October.

A discount of 10 per cent. will be allowed to purchasers from Cape Breton, and of 5 per cent. to other purchasers who reside at a distance of not less than 30 miles from a Railway Station.

The committee have also been instructed to obtain information respecting improved Farming Implements, and the result of their enquires will be made known at the October meeting of the Board.

GREAT HEAT IN INDIA.—It appears from the Bombay Gazette that the heat continues to be exceptionally great in India. At Alla habad it reached 115 deg. in the shade and at Hyderabad 116 deg. At the latter place it caused the death of an officer, four men and twelve children among the Sixteenth Lancers. In and around Poona in the Deccan, the wells dried up, the cattle are dying, people are thankful if they can obtain a jar of water by no greater trouble than wading a number of miles for it. The Bombay Gazette says that prospects would be very gloomy were not the monsoon at hand.

ACCIDENT.—As the freight train from Annapolis was approaching Windsor on Tuesday, a horse, attached to a light express waggon, took fright from the sound of the whistle, and ran upon the railway track, immediately in front of the advancing train. The horse was killed the waggon destroyed, and a boy who had charge of it narrowly escaped death. He was carried along on the cow-catcher for about forty yards and dropped into a cattle guard. His injuries are serious, the right leg being completely shattered and his head and body bruised.—Col