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THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

the engine when the steam went up, the associations we connect with [Laughter.] If they were at arithme- you and with your work are the protic, a cloud of black boards seemed to sais schoolroom, the jargon and the come down from the ceiling to darken noise, and the hard back bench of a the history class assembled; and I David Livingstone-(loud applause)se ame" of the teacher, but all the flood and field. You have, it must solar and sidereal system was created be owned, a dullish budget to rehearse. by a word. The biggest boy was told to fetch in a firmanent as though it had been fire-shovel-(laughter)-and in a moment Jupiter was coquetting with his moons, and Saturn was amorously spooning with his satellites, till I was fain to cry "my stars!" If they had begun a Scripture lesson I should. have confidently expected to see the twelve apostles walk in arm-in-armall salt and fishing from their netsand a Pharisees and Jews come in at the other to throw stones at them and abuse them. (Laughter.) But the Sunday-school is not full of preceptorial pulleys and education trap-doors. The machinery is very simple. It is only a Bible and a hymn-book. Yes, it is though-I forgot. That would not be enough. A great deal of m may be done with a Bible and a hype book. I know I have often had my head bumped about with a well-bound Bagster's Bible-(laughter)-and I believe. I have been pelted with every edition of Sternhold and Hopkinsto say nothing of Dr. Watts and the Bristol Tune-book. (Laughter.) So there is something more than a Bible and hymn-book. The rest of the machinery is a kindly smile, a tender tone, and a loving look. (Cheers.) That is all the visible machinery. But there is a secret spring which has to be touched. There is a brass clasp upon that Bible, and it must be undone. There is an iron lock on that child's heart, and it must be shot back. I don't mean such clasps as the thumb and finger can undo. But before he or she comes to the work, the Sundayschool teacher touches a secret spring, and the doctrines, and the promises, and the love in the Bible come into his mind and heart, and he can carry them to the minds and hearts of the children. That secret spring is prayer. It is a leaden lesson without prayer. But prayer is the wing of wisdom, the torch of teaching, the lamp of learning, the sun of service. (Applause.) The reward of this work-What is it? Why, the back-ache after a long walk, and a longer sitting. The head-ache after a two hours' jargon and noise. The heart-ache after seeing listless faces, hearing thoughtless words, and meeting stupid children. Yes, that's part of the reward. It is all the reward of the careless, prayerless teacher. [Hear, hear.] But you know this work is a battle; you enlisted in it as a soldier, and you knew it was a fight. The erudite and accomplished Sir James Stephen, speaking nearly twenty years ago from the spot where your lordship now sits, concluded an address to young men thus-" If I might presume to speak as the monitor of those whom I address, my whole exhortation to them would be comprised in a single word, and that one word would be 'Aspire!'" As counsel to young men with prospect and opportunity opening before them, this might be intended simply as a legitimate appeal to a wise and honourable emulation for usefulness and progress. But it seems to me, my lord, that the devout and devoted Sunday-school

in and says, "Let me help you. You teacher has adopted such advice, but 1. That the reading of the letters degree. The administrator of the have rocked the cradle of the body has put upon it a subtler and far no- from the churches be dispensed with. Government closed the proceedings D. A. Steele has returned to his home right lovingly and right faithfully; let bler construction than that which takes How much time this usually occupies with a short and highly appropriate improved in health. We trust he may me watch by the cradle of the slumber- cognisance of merely personal distinc- is known. But few of the delegates address. ing mind-not that I may rock it to a tion. He has recognised a steward- care to hear all these letters read. ed every minute to hear the hissing of and invest him with a charm. But body. the horizon, followed by a little hail- church or chapel gallery, while the to hear sermons, but to transact busithe wall as soon as the master touched discovery, and adventure, and of ex- persons can hear the sermon, if there lege Curriculum without due considea spring. Whole dynasties of kings citing scenes. I trust the time may must be an Associational Sermon, on ration. and queens flocked into the room when even yet come round when the feet of Sunday as on Monday. A whole trembled lest Guy Fawkes should be shall stand upon these boards, and we ness. Such a course is not without laying his train to blow us all up sky- shall hear of new tracts discovered in precedent or example, as those conhigh together. If they were teaching the wilds of Africa. But it is not versant with Associations and Conthe use of the globes, not only did the given to you to tell of hair breadth ventions in the United States are globes come bowling in at the "open escapes and of deeds of heroism by aware. Enough for the present from You could talk of blank tances, of listless classes, of unruly children. But there's nothing romantic about that. The poetry of the nursery is too homely to be popular. But. you can tell that which, if it fail to evoke wonder and applause, must call forth from Christian hearts the better answer of gratitude to God. For you can tell of how the work, at first so heavy, grew gradually lighter. You can tell of how you watched the lamp of intelligence gently sparkling and beaming in eyes which had been dull. You can trace the spreading of a twilight over the prospect, and its mellowing into morning, through your class. And you can say that it was because you went home and prayed for them. [Cheers]. You can tell of how one and another came to call Jesus, Saviour, all because you prayed for them-because, in the words of the resolution I hold, you "united fervent prayer with earnest labour." Yours may be a tame tale, but it is more credible and real for all that. There was a party of adventurers climbed up Mont Blanc at a late and stormy season of the year, and fearing that the exploit would not be credited, they brought down with them the flig which a party had planted on the top a month before, and the handkerchief of a hapless climber who had been lost among the snow. They felt that simple credentials such as these would be more convincing. if less exciting, than thrilling accounts of dangers escaped and difficulties conquered. And so with you. You can point to simple proof of your ascent into the mount of achievement and prayer, for it is climb, and a noble one. May God grant you to gather many a trophy of success, till you come with your charge into His presence with rejoicing, bringing your sheaves with you. It is small enough applause that shall greet you here ; but it is something. to look forward to the Master's smile, and to toil meanwhile amidst a shade which is still light enough to read the

session would thus be gained for busisuffering from drought. The follow-May 30ta :--LUKE. June 7th, 1872. still there would be a scarcity of water. The Christian Messenger. Halifax, N. S., June 12, 1872. UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, N.S.W. The Sydney (New South Wales) Morning Herald of March 25th brings us an account of the proceedings at the "Annual Commemoration" or "Encoenia" of the University of Sydney, a brief abstract of which can hardly fail to be of interest to our readers. Taking place in a city of 100,-000 inhabitants, the attendance was o course numerous and brilliant-all heads of departments and distinguished scholars, and other classes being represented. Degress were conferred on a large number of Students, nine received the degree of B. A., seven that of M. A, three of LL. B., and two that of M. B., a total of twenty-one; and prizes were distributed-great enthusiasm prevailed throughout the proceedings. After the degrees had been conferred, the Chancellor of the University delivered an excellent speech, embracing various subjects and furnishing information as to the prosperity and work of the institution. The total number of degress already conferred was stated to be 239, though the number of graduates was lessmany having taken two or more degrees. It is also stated that female students are beginning to press into the University. The Chancellor discusses at some length the question of making the Greek language an optional study.

The point discussed by Dr. Budham resume his labors. deeper sleep, but that I may watch the ship, and aimed at fidelity in its dis- The statistics cannot be remembered, might well-be considered by our own first lifting of its waking lids, and lead charge. And it has always seemed to and should simply be compiled by the college authorities. We can easily it, and show it worthy objects upon me, my lord, that is the truest and the Committee on Letters, or by the Sec- believe that Greek is a difficult study army has fallen. The ranks of faithful which to look." And so the glory of sublimest aspiration which strives after retaries, for publication in full in and that at best our students obtain a men bave been invaded by the enemy. God, the gratitude of the parent, and fidelity rather than success. [Cheers.] the Minutes, and partially in the very imperfect knowledge of it. Could Death has come suddenly, but not the good of the child are secured. The truest heroes are the heroes of denominational paper. The most in- not their time be better devoted to altogether unexpectedly, and has taken The method is to bring true pictures sacrifice-men and women who give up teresting and important parts of the studies more adapted to this age. from earth our beloved brother. Rev. to the mind, so that the earliest recol- what is conspicuous and productive of letters are usually abstracted by a If Greek were dropped and Latin, JAMES E. BALCOM. He died at lections of the grown-up man or woman applause in their consecration to the Committee, and published in the (the key to the modern languages) Hantsport, on Thursday morning last. may be recollections of human kind- call of obscure duty in the rank and same way. Why not, let this suf- were studied more thoroughly, together where he was stopping on his way from ness and Divine love. The machinery file of Christian toil. You Sunday- fice? Let the letters be placed in with the modern languages, might it his native place, Paradise, to Great which is used is simple. In some school teachers have not stirring and the hands of a Committee, who shall not be better. But there are two Village his late residence; aged 46 schools they seem literally to teach by exciting tales to tell us. Our mission- prepare such an abstract as may seem sides to the question-students for the years. machinery. [Laughter.] I went over any platforms ring with adventure, desirable, and shall report to the As- ministry certainly ought to have a a model school in Londenderry, and and seem warm with a tropic glow, sociation the totals of the various knowledge of the language in which noon. After devotional exercises at they seem to use more ropes, pulleys, and fragrant with the spices of " Araby statistics, together with all questions the New Testament was written, and a the house, the body was taken to the and apparatus than books. It was a the blest." A halo of romance or other matters contained in the let- large proportion of our students are of meeting-house, and placed in front of "regular teaching factory, and I expect- seems to rest over the speaker ters that may repuire the action of the this number. But then why not as the pulpit, which was covered with 2. Let the Associational Sermon be optional to a B. A., but compulsory to order of the solemn service : preached on the Sunday instead of an M.A.? Our graduates now become Monday. The "ministers and mes- Masters of Arts by mere efflux of time. sengers" do not go to the Association | Would it not be better if they had to offered prayer. Rev. Joseph Murray work for that degree ? However, these storm of bits of chaik. If they were awful service is got through. We like ness, and exchange Christian greetings are matters for mature reflection, and chosen by the deceased. Addresses at geography, maps came starting from to come to Exeter Hall to hear of &c. with their brethren. As many it would not be well to alter our Col-

We are glad to learn that the Rev. soon be wholly recovered and able to

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He was buried on Saturday after-Dr. Budham suggested, make Greek black cloth. The following was the

> Rev. David Freeman read the Scriptures, Rev. G. M. Barratt (Wesleyan) preached from 2 Timothy iv. 7, a text then followed from Revs. Dr. Cramp, Jas. Parker, D. Freeman and D. M. Welton, on the character and labors of the departed.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. T. A. Higgins, and the benediction by ing is from the Boston Watchman of Rev. Dr. Cramp.

The friends present then proceeded to the cemetry and after prayer by Rev. D. M. Welton the remains were interred, there to remain till the morning of the glorious resurrection.

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At the close of his address Dr. Budham, l'rofessor of Classics and Logic, delivered an address upon the subject above mentioned. Insisting upon the absolute necessity of retain. ing Latin in the Curriculum, he inclines to give the student the option of studying Greek or omitting it. Not because he undervalued Greek, or supposes that if made optional it would cease to be studied, for "he did not believe that any one who had once set his foot within the magic circle wherein he can call up the glories of the Attic stage or the burning harangues of those who wielded at will that fierce democracy, where he can bid Homer be his minstrel and Aristophanes his jester, where he can confer with Plato on all the questions presented by man, by nature, and by Deity, will skulk away into some by-path, because it offers an easier access to his degree." But because there were so many other studies pressing for admission into the Curriculum-because there was such a wide spread prejudice against Greekbecause it was so difficult to master. For these and other reasons he inclined to leave it with the student to choose or reject the study, and not to make it compulsory as at present. He suggests however, that the study of the Greek should be a prerequisite to the degree

We refer to this subject frequently because of its vital importance; the want is not merely temporary, to be met by a heavy rain storm, but it is now an almost worldwide complaint, and is attracting the attention of the wisest and most scientific men. If there is a cause, and of course there is, it should be ascertained, and a

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remedy lound. If the destruction, wanton and enormous, and without any regard for future wants, of forests, has any thing to do with the lack let us know it. At present this seems the most probable solution of the mystery.

The rain appears to have concentrated over Nova Scotia, as we have had but little else for the past five or six weeks. We should have been glad to exchange about every other day we have had for the dry ones enjoyed by our U. S. neighbours. It is however all ordered in infinite wisdom and we must not complain. Our farmers have been luxuriating in the pleasures of hope for a good while now. The suggestion respecting the destruction of trees is not too late in our Province, and should be heeded in time.

The note from Rev. Dr. Cramp in another column should have appeared last week, by a press of other matters it was overlooked. Our reader's attention is again called to the matter. We noticed the subject of the Home Mission Convention four or five weeks since, so that the churches might, if they thought well so to do, appoint their delegates to form such Convention. The change of hour suggested by Dr. Cramp we think would be quite desirable, and it will probably be found necessary to adjourn to that hour, when the brethren meet at the time first named.

The U. S. Baptist Missionary Union at its late Anniversary conferred the honor of its presidency upon Dr. Weston, President of Crozer Theological Seminary. The honorable position Dr. W. has held at the head of the 15th of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M. the Baptist Publication Society for | THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION will hold its some time past will be a guarantee that he will bring honor to the office. His versatile talents, and genial disposition will have a wide field of operation in this new office. May he long flourish under the weight of the responsibility.

We offer our affectionate sympathy to the family, and the church at Great Village who are thus deprived of an earnest devoted pastor and who with ourselves have lost a warm friend and beloved brother.

MRS. MORSE,

the beloved consort of the Rev. J. C. Morse, died at Sandy Cove, May the 15th, in the 55th year of her age. She was the youngest daughter of the late Abner and Hannah Woodworth, of West Cornwallis, and was the mother of nine children, four sons and five daughters. For upwards of 30 years she gave a blessed testimony of the grace and mercy of her covenant Lord and Saviour. Amid darkness and light, Summer and Winter, sickness and health she continued to recommend to her dear household, the church, and the world, the blessedness of Christ and salvation. For some years past she was subject to severe indisposition which she bore as coming from her covenant God and Father, with cheerfulness and resignation. Our dear brother has lost an affectionate wife, the children an excellent mother, and the church and community a valued member. Her funeral was attended by her special request by the Revds. N. Vidito, Cox, and Cogswell. We trust the services will long be remembered .- Com. by Rev. N. Vidito.

Dr. Cramp in a note just received writes from Wolfville on the 9th:

" Mrs. Best died at 4 this morning. James L. Armstrong, Father Harding's son-in law died at 3 this afternoon. Capt. Curry died to-day on Long Island. So " Death's shafte fly thick."

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> For the Christian Messenger. OUR ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Editor,-The communication in your last issue, under the above title, was timely. Let us continue the course of thought therein opened up. Is it not time for a reform in the mode of conducting the meetings-particularly in the kind of business introduced? What we want is to make these gatherings practically useful, by means of Christian intercourse, united devotional exercises, free discussion, wellconsidered action, and careful collection of denominational statistics. Believing that a large portion of the time given to the Association is occupied with matter that had better be omitted, I beg to offer the following propositions.

We are requested to insert the following respecting the action of the Hantsport Church, for the information of the brethren and all concerned.

On the 22nd of May, at a regular meeting of the church, Rev. S. T. Rand was by the unanimous voice of all present, excluded from our fellowship on the charge of " Slander and embracing false doctrine." By order of the church,

W. E. WEST. Church Clerk.

Attention is invited to the notice in another column of an offer of a Prize for the best Temperance Essay on the of Master of Arts-permitting the subject named. As we understand B. A. degree to be conferred without the matter it should treat specially on Greek, but insisting upon it in the the proper attitude of Christian Miniscase of those who aspired to a higher | ters towards the Temperance cause.

22nd Annual Session at Berwick, Kings County, commencing on Saturday the 22nd of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its 22nd Annual Session at Truro, Colchester County, commencing on Saturday the 6th of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The next Session of the WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, will be held at Fredericton, York County, on Thursday, 27th June.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ASSOCIATION. Please notice in the Christian Messenger the Prince Edward Island Association will hold its 5th Annual Session at Beleque, commencing on Saturday 13th of July, prox. at 10 o'clock, and not on the 10th as incorrectly stated in the Minutes of last year.

> Yours truly, J. B. MCDONALD.

We omitted to say in our last issue that the blanks for letters had been sent to the clerks of all the churches in the Western and Central Association. If they have in any case failed to reach the proper person, on being apprised thereof by postal card or letter, we can send on another copy. The Eastern will be sent this week.