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For the Christian Messenger.

OUR HOME MISSIONS.

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That a change in our Home Missionary operations was generally thought de arable, we need scarcely attempt to proze. The resolutions passed by the Eastern and Western Associations in 1871 were too clear on that point to need comment. The voice of all the Associations in 1872 was equally distinct in relation to the matter. The French Mission Board, in last year's report, states that "the following resolution passed unanimously :-

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the consolidation of our Home Mis-Bionary organizatious, both English and French, would be more conducive to the advancement of the Redeemer's reign in this Province.

The Western Home Missionary Board use the following language in their last report :

attention to the fact that our destitute fields are, under the present arrange- by your agent, at least, that the work ment inadequately supplied with the preached word. Some of these sections can only enjoy the services of the Missionary for a few weeks of the year, while for months they are left wholly de-titute It is felt that there are grave defe ts in our present methods of working. With a proper system we could furni-h our destitute churches with stated preaching, and obtain from our people greatly increased contributions. * * * Your Board attend it." look forward with interest to the proposed Convention of the Churches a Berwick, to discuss the subject of Union in the Mission work, and trust that these deliberations will be carried on in the fear of God, and result in great good to the interests of religion in our b loved Province." The Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society, in their fifteenth Annual Report, use the following language in regard to the subject :--"The movement to have the whole Province united in one missionary field, under the care of one Board, is in the opinion of the Board a subject of great importance, and should engage the earnest attention of the Association. It would be premature for this Board to give its views in detail on this important undertaking, but in general it may be said that the movement is regarded favourably by most, if not all the members of our body. If by such a union an agency as permanent as it may be, could be employed for taking the general oversight of the work, and for raising funds, much good would be accomplished, and a good degree of advancement made in our operations. The whole field would be an exceedingly interesting and important one. The small churches could be grouped and put under the care of permanent ministers New life might be expected from the coming together of the whole province, to discuss and pray over the work of Home-Missions." With nearly all of these resolutions and report- before them, the delegates from the churches to the Convention at Berwick believed that the desire for Union in our Home Missionary work was general and intense. They were confident, therefore, that the Baptist denomination in this provice would cordially endorse their action in forming a Home Missiouary Union. It has been hinted, however, that there was a lack of wisdom and cour te-y in proceeding to form the Union without a larger representation from the Eastern Association. There may have been a lack of wisdom, for "to err is human," but no lack of courtesy was intended. The delegates at Berwick argued that, as frequent notice of the proposed Convention had been given, the attendance was quite as large as it might be at any subsequent time. And as the Eastern Association had been the first to ask for a Union of the Home Missionary Boards, it was thought that, that body, instead of being displeased with it, would hail with joy the formation of the new Society. We believe the majority of the members of the Eastern Association did rejoice at what was done at B. rwick. Some have even maintained that a Home Missionary Union was notformed by the delegates to the Berwick Convention. To this view of the matter, we merely place in opposition the views Mr. J. W. Longley, who is now the of others. Without any pecial pleading on our part, we think it will be " to make it the best, literary paper in readily admitted that, when a society the Dominion." Mr. L. has our best approves its minutes and adopts the wishes for his success. We trust that those minutes and reports contain. In the snow.'

we find the following statement : " Dr. Cramp presented information to the Association concerning the Home Missionary Union formed by the Conwention on Friday and Saturday last." In the " Report on Missions" adopted by the Central Association, (See Appendix F) the following language is used :

and hope upon the recent formation of the Nova Scotia Esptist Home Missionary Union, and trust that this movement will meet the hearty approval of this Association as it has already of the Western."

down is correct, the Central Association believes that a Home Missionary Union was formed. The Eastern Association believes the same. For in to hear their prayers than they are to the "Report of the delegate to the Western Association" we find the following language :

" Pursuaut to such recommendati n "Your Board would further invite and notice, a Convention was formed, and in which it is most earnessly hoped commenced may heartily and successfully unite the entire Baptist body in security. one effective organization. This report was adopted by the Eastern Associaation. (See Appendix A.)

> In the "Report on Mussions," the following expression occurs :

"Your committee would therefore commend this new organization (referring to the Union) to the sympathies of quoted above, the word " Convention " injunction to "seek first the kingdom remarks are necessary. The writer then be added." presented to the delegates at Berwick a series of resolutions, in which he recommended that the new society be Missionary Convention. Rev. George highest good to be given to othere, Armstrong, in amendment presented a series of recommendations, in which he advised the Society be named the Home Missionary Union. A committee was then appointed to consider the resolutions and amendments, and report to the Convention. The following brethren composed that committee : S. Selden, E-q., Revds. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, O. Chute, George Armstrong, I. Walace, and report was unanimously adopted. The second clause of their report, which was subsequently adopted as the first Article of the Constitution of the newly formed Society, read is follows " That this Convention be called the that by the word Convention as used by Bro. Dimock in his report, the Home Missionary Union was intended. And inasmuch as the Eastern Association adopted his report, it believes that the Union was formed. The Nova cotia Bap ist Home Missonary So ciety is of the same opinion. At its

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SHALL WE HAVE A REVIVAL!

Much has been said of late concerning Professor Tyndall's remark on the efficacy of prayer, and about judging "Your committee look with interest of it by its results in a physical point of view. Many have regarded the proposal to apply that test as the expression if an infidel doubt, and equivaanswers prayer.

Christians do not need such tests Now if the principle we have laid and proofs to assure them that God hears when they call upon him. They offer them, and more willing to bestow blessings than they are to receive peeted to be ready by the fall term. them.

> Their own experience supplies them with facts proving that prayer is effi may always flee and find a place of

prayer for a change in our temporal circumstances, mere'y for our own personal gratification, will meet with any response. Our Lord taught his disciples first to offer the prayer, " Thy kingdom come," and then the petition, "Give us this day our daily bread." all, feeling assured that prosperity will The latter doubtless was intended to include all necessary temporal good, far as possible, and that cessation from In the report of the delegate, as and is in perfect harmony with the is equivalent to "Union." To make of God and his righteousness," and the this evident, perhaps the following promise that all these " things shall churches will sustain them in this mat-"bread" to be heard; much more may we that for "the kingdom of God." called the Nava Scotia Baptist Home Divested of selfishness it seeks for the and the honor of God's name. When we look over the churches of Christ, particularly those with which we are associated, we cannot but see a great want of spiritual activity and earnestness. What may be the causes of the coldness and spiritual dearth that prevails, we do not now stay to enquire. They are different in different places, In some perhaps it is in the ministry, in others the officers of the church are G. E. Day. The committee reported not using their office well, and in others. and negligent. Sometimes it is the younger members, at others the elder professors. In all it might doubtless be traced to a want of the Spirit's power amongst believers. In some it. appears in a want of appreciation af Nova Scot.a Baptist Home Missionary the privilege of public and social wor-Union." It will be seen, therefore, ship, in others a want of faithfulness to Christ in speaking of blessings already possessed, and of concern for the condition of our fellow christians and our fellow men. The atmosphere perhaps appears unfavorable to religious protession and young converts. it there are any, fear that they would not be so heartily welcomed to the church as they would be if there were more stir and more attention given to religious matters. It is plain that more of revival inan arrangement of measures as may fluence is needed by all the churches. This would effect a change in ministers and people, old and young, unlike any other charge. It would soon be 1 ss difficult for the young converts to make known their desires to obey Christ. Spiritual things would assume the im portance which belongs to them, and the world would be changed. How may we hope to have the present state of things altered so that spiritual influences may prevail and evil cease to triumph ? Only from on high can we hope for righteousness. Not by might or by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord, can this be. We have Home Missionary meeting in my church the word of Jesus assuring us, " If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children : how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." More earnest, importunate, believing prayer is needed. If the petition respecting God's kingdom was placed first on the list of blessings our Lord taught his disciples to ask for, may we not regard it as the most acceptable prayer that can be offered by human beings ? Is it not the one most likely to receive a favorable answer? Why should we chased of its original proprietors by not expect then that during this year. whenever the church shall assume the proper attitude and use the means, there will be a a wave of spiritual influence pass over us like those of some former years, when Zion's wildern as has reports presented to it, sanctions what his " Mawflower may long 'bloom amid been made like Eden, and her desert like the gaiden of the Lord."

ministers, and others des rous of obtaining a course of higher education. At the recent Semi-annual meeting the Treasurer reported that \$14,606 79 had been received the last six months, all of which is about expended.

" God continues to bless the school Indeed from the beginning it has had a blessing. It is now a denominational necessity; and if our friends give it lept to a denial that God hears and all the support which the growing demands of the churches require, it will grow in usefulness and be blessed with increasing prosperity. About 180 students are now on the roll. From all know that the God whom they worship appearances we may soon expect to be is the living and true God, more ready crowded, even though we have enlarged the main building, and are erecting a new one about 40 x 90, which is ex-Some friends of the Institute are well aware that the health of Dr. Fyfe

for some time has been failing. This cacious. The name of the Lord is to has undoubtedly arisen from over taxthem a strong tower into which they ation. His family physician recommends immediate rest as an absolute necessity. A school that is continually We have no reason to expect that growing, with 180 students on the roll, employing ten Professors and teachers, demands constant, vigorous, and prayerful oversight. Under the pressure of this fact, the Trustees had a free and lengthened conversation as to what was best to be done, and they avanimously passed a resolution, That Dr. Fyfe should have rest at once, as labour should continue for twelve months if it were deemed necessary. The Trustees feel assured that the ter, as the valuable life of Dr. F. seems If we may expect the prayers for to be almost necessary to carry out and perfect those plans which are now before us for the welfare and prosperity of our School.

THE CANADIAN LITERARY INSTI- out instituting any comparison between TUTE is the name of the Seminary in | their relative values, we may unhesitatwhich our Canadian brethren give their | ingly pronounced that a parent would preparatory training to their young feel it a greater compliment to have a son spoken of as well-behaved, than as being smart and capable, without that quality.

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The Academy of Music in St. John is greatly embarras-ed, and it is proposed to hold a lottery to endeavour to relieve it from its present difficulties. The Editor of the Visitor proposes that a combination of all the Evangelical Churches, Y. M. C. Associations, the Evangelical Alliance, and the Temperance organizations of the city be formed for the purpose of purchasing the Hall and then consecrate it to moral and religious purposes-for the free proclamation of the Gospel to all classes of Society-and for all other interests adapted to promote the welfare of society-music included.

On another page is a notice of the death of Dr. W. L. Bent of Digby. Having been favored with a somewhat intimate acquaintance with him for a number of years, we may be permitted to add our testimony to his unwavering christian character. The grace of humility ever shope forth as the great adornment of his christian profession. Like many others, we feel that in his removal we have lost a friend. But we trust that the same Lord who wrought in him so much that was good will raise up others for the church in

last anniversary, it instructed its Board of Managers ' to conter with the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missi nary Ution, with a view to such lead to the consolidation of our Home Missionary efforts in one institution."

If the Union did not exist, it was supremely ridiculous to order a correspondence with it. But we believe that the judgment of these large and intelligent Societies in reference to the existence of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, will be aftirmed by the entire Baptist body in this Province. G. E. DAY, Cor. See'y of Union.

Lord Dufferin appears to possess good sound English common sense, especially on the matter of training up children in good behaviour. On a recent visit to the Normal School at Montreal, Lord Dufferin gave a brief address to the teachers-in-training there, and said :---

I would venture to remind you that in your future relations with your young putils you will be careful to remember that your functions must not be confined merely to the body then in session, and their the members are becoming careless to the development of their intelligence and the imparting of information, but that there is also another duty as important as either of these, and that this is that you should endeavor to refine, d scipline, and elevate their general tehaviour, rendering them polite, well-bred, deferential, respectful to their parents, to their elders and their superiors. Perhaps in a new country, where on every side we are surrounded by the evidences of prosperity, where spirit of independence is an essential clement of success, where at a very early age young persons are called upon to fight their bute. Is it not so? own battles and to undertake their own reeponeibilities, it is very nat ral that there should be developed an exuberant spirit of self-confidence. Now what I would venture to ask you from time to time to impress upon your put ils is this, that although upon the one hand there is no quality more creditable than self-respect, yet on the other hand the very idea of sell-respect excludes self assertion, and I say it the more readily because I confess if there is any criticism which I have to pass upon the youth of this new country-I do not say of Canada especially, but of the Contiuent of America - it is that I have been struck by the absence of the d ference and respect for those who are older than themselves to which we still ching in Europe. Now, to use a casual illustration, I have the whole aspect of the church and observed in travelling on board the steamboats on the St. Lawrence, children running about from one end of the vessel to Ohio,-Mrs. R. T. Cann the other, whom more than once I have been tempted to take up and give a good whipping. I have seen them thrust aside Canard, --- Mrs. S. B Kempton . two men in conversation, trample on lidne' Rev. G. Whitley, Bid leck dresses, shoulder their way about, without Mrs. Mutilds Wyne, Granville a thought of the inconvenience they were Truro,-Miss F. King . . . occasioning, and what was more remarkable, these little thoughtless indiscretions did not seem to attract the at ention of their parents. When I ventured to make an observa tion on this to the people with whom I have been travelling I was always told that these little pleasing individuals came from the other side of the line. Well I hope that this may be so ; at all events without inquiring too strictly how that may be, I trust that the teachers of Canada will do their very best to inculeate into their children the duties of politeness, of refined hehaviour, of respect for the old and of reveres ce for their parents, that they will remember that a great deal may be done by kind y and wholesome advice in this particular, and that if they only take a. little trouble they will contribute greatly to render Canada, not only one of the best educated, most prosperous, most successful and richest, but one of the most police, of the best bred and well mannered countries of the American continent. It is sometimes said that manners Mrs. M. Wylie, \$2 Roy. Chas. Randall, are more important than money. With- | \$14. Mrs. R. P. T., 3 for Acadia Col-

Digby, so that "the little one may soon become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation. The Lord hasten it in his time."

B. MUSGRAVE, Esq, wishes one of the numbers with a fractional part in his late communication to appear more clearly., We republish the paragraph with the said number more distinctly expressed :

" In working out the hypothetical equation from the conceived ratio (which stands thus-the prophetical year, or x: 3651:1878: 2000) it is singular that we obtain 342 and 1939 two thousandths-a very close approximation to 343 days, as the analogous length of the prophetical year."

The Canadian Baptist asks: "Why could not our brethren-the Baptists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick join with us in the support of the Teloogoo mission,"-instead of having an Independent Mission. We were not aware that our Canadian brethren had the Telogoo mission solely dependent on them for support and direction. As we have understood their po-ition, it is that the Teloogoo mission is one department of the operations of the American Baptist Missionary Union to which our Canadian brethren contri-

Motices, &c.

ARGYLE AND PUBNI O --- Rev. H. Achilles writes Feb 7th : " I expect to leave home this week to perform the mission appointed me by the Western Mission B and to Argyle and Pubnico, and expect to he on the ground next week if all is well and hope that God will approbate and bless."

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In a P. S. to the above Bro. Day gives the following very gratifying piece of information :- " We held last night and raised \$303 09 for Home Missions, we hope to raise \$1,000 in this County for this object." G. E. D.

The publication of Minutes is sometimes delayed in other places besides Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The editor of the N Y. Examiner suys the Minutes of the N. Y. State Convention held in Oct. last are not out yet.

The MAYFLOWER has been purpublisher and proprietor, and proposes

port of orphan child : . 20.00 East Point, P. E 1, - Alexander Scott 7.00 M R. SELDEN, Sec'y. February 11th, 1873.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

G. Fleck, (0 50 for Rome) \$3. R. Cameron, \$2. T. H Patton, \$2. H. W. Rand. D. F. Higgins M. E Marshall, 1 sub., \$4. Rev. W B. Biggs Martin Hunter, \$2.50. W II Burditt. 1. Thurber, Eq. \$6. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$2. Rev. G. N. Ballentine, \$2. J. P. Moure. Rev. Isa. Wullace, I sub. W. T Witerman, \$2. B. L. Felfer, \$2. A. Caldwell, I sub W. F. Cutten, Esq 1 sub. J. P. Fuster, Esq, 1 sub , \$2 Rev. W. E. Hall, \$2. A. E. Durland, Esq., \$4. Rev. Jas. Parker. Rev H Acuiles. \$8 for Foreign Missions. Rev W. B. Buggs.