## The Christian Messenger. HALIFAX, N.S., APRIL 14, 1875.

#### OUR FOREIGN MISSION BYOURE ME.

The remarkable facts stated by our correspondent "Oriental" in another page concerning the mission adopted by our Canadian brethren, are of a most gratifying character, and afford great encouragement to labor in carrying the gospel to heathen lands. We may rejoice with our brothren in the Upper Provinces in the success that has attended their labors; and cherish the hope that the field chosen for exploration and eventually to be decided upon by our body in this province may become no less successful. So soon as our missionaries are brought into more immediate contact with the people, by being able to give them the "goodnews" in their own language, we may hope to hear of the results in a large blessing following their labors also. We have much cause for being thankful that thus far God has protected and Maine passed by the fifty-fourth Legissustained our brethren and sisters who have gone forth to labor, and we should do all in our power to help and encourage them in their arduous undertaking.

foundation as well as build the house, our adjoining State. It is as follows: and not suppose, that because we do! not yet see the fruit, that the harvest may not soon come. We have gone forth, as we trust in faith, and must learn to labor and to wait, and doubt not the promised blessings will be re-

We do not think with "Oriental," that the facts to which he refers should to take acknowledgments of deeds. divert our course into the same channel, and lead us to Cocanada instead of Siam. We mention this lest it should be supposed that we endorse the cpinion he so freely expresses. We are pleased to find that he next intends to address the Board of Foreign Missions. This will afford them an opportunity of saying some things which it is perhaps desirable should be said just

The Dalhousie Gazette complains, that the Messenger has never said a word in favor of Dalhousie College. The editors of the Gazette must have read our paper with prejudiced minds, or they would not have made such a statement; but if the charge were true, we should vindicate ourselves by the fact, that that college never has lacked organs of sufficient volume to utter forth its praise. Complaint is also made, that the Messenger has always done its very best to show that Dalhousie is not a Provincial University. This it was in Cuty bound to do; and this it will continue to do, that the people may know the truth.

Objection is also made to the term "Dalhousie combination" as applied place. to that College. The designations usually applied by its friends to that institution are misleading and deceptive, and the term given above quite nearly expresses the fact. A trust company holds a building, known as Dalhousie College. On this the Government virtually has a mortgage of \$20,000 of principal, to say nothing of the interest that has been accumulating for many years. The same company holds funds that yield income enough to pay meagre salaries to two professors. The Government, finding that with nothing more than this income they must imitate Edinburgh University, which was named as their model, at a very humble distance, obtained permission to effect a union with any religious bodies that might choose to join them, on the condition that such for Turin, sleeping through most of the bodies should have the privilege of nominating governors and professors to represent the money that they might fur nish to the common treasury. Besides this, any individual endowing a chair in the college, might nominate a professor. to fill it, and bequeath the right to his successors. It seems to us that the term combination precisely expresses the coming together of these distinct elements. The institution thus formed is partly private; but in no fair sense of the term is it owned and controlled | home. by the Province. It is true that the Governor of the Province goes through the form, from time to time, of appointing a governor of Dalhousie College; but the existing members of the Board of trust, at the time, have selected the man to fill the vacancy, and after that have given notice to the Governor, that he may promulgate their choice. A college thus formed and governed may call itself Provincial, just as banks and other companies, incorporated for their own ends, apply the term to themselves.

We may add that after the Act of necessarily very hurried scamper through were found asking the prayers of God's a fair description. 1863, legalizing such a combination, the Presbyterians, who had become weary of their triangular contest and dissatisfied with their educational institutions, took advantage of the privilege that had been provided for them by their friends, and organized at Dalhousie according to their natural affinities. Since that time that College has been as much denominational as Acadia or Mount Allison. If every body had moved into Dalhcusie, that the people. But inasmuch as threefourths of the people chose to hold by other colleges already in existence, " from the necessity of the case " Dalhousie is the College of the other fourth, and they are for most part Presbyterians.

### THE STATE OF MAINE.

We have received, with one of our exchanges from Portland, Maine, a copy of the " Public Laws of the State of lature A.D. 1875." Most of these are interest except to those for whom they are made and provided. There is however one of these laws which shews We must be prepared to lay the the progress the ladies are making in

CHAPTER 36 .- AN ACT to empower the Be it enacted, d'c., as follows:

The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby empowered and authorized to appoint women, otherwise eligible under the constitution, to sulempize marriages, to administer oaths, and

Another law provides that all due publicity shall be given of intentions of of marriage:

All residents of this state intending to be joined in marriage, shall cause notice of their intention to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the town in which each resides, at least five days before a certificate | decided success of such intention is granted.

The book in which such record is made, shall be labeled on the outside of the cover. with the words 'record of intentions of marriage, and be kept open to public inspection in the office of the clerk. - -

Again, another indicates that the people are not yet disposed to repeal the Maine Liquor law. It enacts that :

No person shall knowingly bring into this State, or knowingly transport from place to place in this State, any intoxicating liquors, with intent to sell the same in this State in violation of law, or with in tent that the same shall be so sold, by any person, or to aid any person in such sale, under a penalty or fine of fifty dollars for each offence.

SECT 2. All such intoxicating liquors intended for unlawful sale in this State, may be seized while in transit, and proeceded against, the same as if they were unlawfully kept and deposited in any

#### THE BAPTIST TRIP TO RO.ME.

In our last we gave an account of the company of Baptists who had started from England to attend the opening of the Baptist Chapel in Rome. Our English exchanges by the last mail give us later news of the tourists. The Freeman of March 19th has a letter from one of the party containing a sketch of the journey there and of an itterview with Garibaldi which will interest our readers :

morning, and were enabled, by the arrange | the English Channel. ments of Messrs. Cook, to get, under the conduct of a very intelligent guide, as good a general view of the place as was possible in a few hours. At 8 40 p. m, we started time that the train traversed the dreary flats of France with their funereal processions of poplars and willows, and waking up in time to enjoy the glorious scenery which, beginning at Amberieux with the valley of the Alberini, culminates at Mont Cenis on either side of the great tunnel.

Winter met us on the plain of Lombardy, where the snow lay several inches thick; and Turin was wrapped in a fog that strangely belied the traditions of the clear skies and pure air of Italy, and reminded some of us of the less genial atmosphere which we were supposed to have left behind us at

After a night spent here (when some of us proved, as we had seldom proved before, the luxury of going to bed) we hurried off for Venice. Every mile of the way was over ground rich in historic and poetic as sociations. The panorama of Verona, backed by the snow-clad and sunlit Alps of says: the Tyrol, was a thing to dream of all the rest of one's life. No vulgar, bone shaking "'bus" waited for us as we emerged from the railway station at Venice. but gondolas waited us and our belongings to our hotel, where, after dinner, lasting almost till midnight, we found temporary rest from meetings increased. The attendance from

some of the chief places and objects of in-Marco Polo and Lord Byron, and I know not who or what beside; which I can only hope will resolve itself in time into more distinguishable details of recollection. One thing I may note in passing - the party, of

and then, hey! for Florence.

tune of Tuesday and Wednesday was reversed Daylight lasted us through the comparatively flat scenery of the first four or five hours, and deserted us while we climbed and descended the Appenines, the speak to them. They appear to wish to rehints of the grand views we were missing. from it. And weather in it or out of it Another midnight dinner at Florence and | their theme of conversation was one and the | tractthen Sunday. How unlike an English same. All hearts are more or less moved Sunday I need not say. We, however, and the thoughts of all are turned towards have done what we could to make it, thus God and eternal things. Prayer is now beof local application and have but little far, a day of rest and of healthy spiritual lieved to be a power, and as many rs 25 will enjoyment. Some of us accompanied the rise at one time and ask the prayers of God's Rev. Mr. McDougall, the earnest and ener- people on their behall. getic Free Church minister, to a Sundayschool, held in an old and beautifully Ro- of refreshing. And for the two days that mish church, which by his instrumentality, I remained among them I truly lelt that has been bought and converted, along with | it was good to be there. Oh! that the its adjoining convent, into a very complete Lord s cause in Hulifax may speedily be Executive to appoint Women to certain range of evangelistic offices and schools. It greatly revived! Let us pray and wait was very pleasant to watch the children as and expect the blessing, and it will most they listened with evident interest to an assuredly some. address founded on the fact that to day is the King's birthday; to hear them sing their own hymns, and to join with them in singing, they in their tongue and we in ours, "Sife in the arms of Jesus." Only a few minutes could be spent here, and then off to the Scotch church to hear our friend Mr. Stalker, who has given us a most interesting sermon from the words, " He shall build the temple of the Lord, and shall bear the glory."

Of course this is but the barest sketch of our doings.

Thus far the trip may be pronounced a

A telegram was received from Mr. John M. Cook who is with the party, dated from Rome on Wednesday night. It is to the following effect :- " The Baptist party introduced by Mr. Cook have been received by Garibaldi. An addres was read by Dr Underhill In reply Garibaldi said :-When I spoke (in a former speech) of my desire that my countrymen should imitate the English people, I spoke the truth, only the truth have never been so proud as to-day in finding myself in the presence of so many English ladies and gentleman representative of the English nation, whose sympathetic and generous nature I have experienced in every circumstance of my life. I am proud to-day as I have never been before, and I am very grateful for a demonstration so precious to my heart.""

Rev. E. M. Saunders was taken ill on Saturday last. Rev. John Read (Methodist) kindly supplied the Granville Street Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and preached an excellent sermon on the resurrection of Christ. In the evening Rev. P. G. McGregor (Presbyterian) preached in 1874. the same place on the need of God's special presence with his people to secure the progress of Christ's kingdom. He noticed the revival at present taking place at Pictou and Colchester coun-

WALKING THE WATER -- Paul Baynton star ed in his life-saving dress from Dover, England early in the morning on Saturday last, for Boulogne in France, where he arrived at 8.15 p.m., We reached Paris about 7.30 on Tuesday having made a successful walk across

> Rev. Mr. McGillivray, a Roman Catholic Priest in discussing the merits of the Roman Catholic church in the Witness, affirms that that church ' has never undertaken to forgive sins for money,' and that she 'does not curse but blesses the whole world, Protestants included'!

The Petitions against the return of members to the House of Assembly have all been withdrawn. In future controverted elections are to be tried by Judges.

Rev. Allan Simpson gives in the Witness, an account of a visit he has paid to Springside, a comparatively new Presbyterian congregation in the

Some four weeks ago the people began to hold special prayer meetings. They continued them night after night for two weeks without the presence and aid of the Pastor who was absent assisting other brethren. The interest deepened as the our wanderings and our excitement. Fri- the first was large- 300 or 400 everyinight,

people on behalf of themselves and their to visit it again. terest in " beautiful Venice," the result of relatives. Beginning with two the number which, in my own case, is a confused of inquirers increased evening after evening but brilliant phantasmagoria of prisons; till on the evening of Saturday last when I cinals and bridges; churches, altars, and was privileged to be present there were 85. works and armour; Dodges of Venice; side-those who had been careless and in-Moors of Venice, and Merchants of Venice, different for years as well as those who had been paying, outwardly at least, good attention to the ordinances of God's house. It was an interesting sight-the like of which the office-bearers of the church had never before been priviledged to witness. The which I was one; was led by a guide (and upturned, eager, anxious countenances was an almost startling appropriateness in souls. It was impossible to mistake those having Shylock's house pointed out to us by looks. It was impossible to enter the assembly without being impressed with the Another morning spent in looking at deep interest and carnest attention of the some of the remaining sights of Venice, people. They nung almost breathless on the lips of any one who would tell them On this part of the journey the good for- the old, old story. One hour, two hours, lasted and yet there were no signs of weariness or listlessness. It seems as if they would listen all night if we would only

To pastor and people alike it is a time

#### A WORD TO SLL OUR SEB-SLESEES .. EES.

their subscriptions for the present year glitters with gold in the sunlight; and will please accept our best thanks for still, when near, the tinkle, tinkle of their promptuess. By so doing they the many golden bells making sweet-

and are in arrears to any extent, will sions. greatly oblige by letting us have the coming upon us every week.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE. - Neal Dow writes from Manchester,-" ] shall return home in May, ready to resume work in my own country, where people need so much to be kept up to the mark. It will be more than two years that I shall have been in Europe. In England the cause of prohibition is slowly but surely growing. If our friends here are firm and true, they can carry it at the next election.'

REPORTS RECEIVED .- Of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, for the year ending Oct 31st, Of the Medical Superintendent of

the N. S. Hospital for the Insane. Of the British American Book and Tract Society.

Of the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association.

Of the Common Academic, and the Normal and Model Schools in Nova Scotia for the year ending Oct. 31,

Each of these supply us with a large amount of valuable information, and will be carefully examined for future reference. The latter came to hand just as we were going to press.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS.

LETTER FROM MISS ARM. STRONG.

The following interesting letter from Miss Armstrong was received a week or two since by the Secretary of of the N. B. Central Board of the W. M. A. Societies : MULMAIN, Jan. 27th, 1875.

ter from you and wondering why it did years ago with ten pupils, the present not come. Doubtless there is some number of boarders is eighty-one, and good reason for the delay, so again I last term the average number of day Stewiacke valley, where the people sit down to the pleasant task of trying pupils was thirty. On account of the are experiencing quite a revival. He to give you some idea of my present festivals connected with the raising of surroundings, for I have again been the new Htee on the Pagoda near by, on the wing.

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I am now a member of Dr. Haswell's household His is a pleasant compound quite in the heart of the relics; paintings and sculpture; glass- The young and the old, were there side by city, and though the noisy Gharries are constantly seen passing and repassing on the street in front of the house we are comparatively free from their dust. Quite near the dwelling house is the new brick building occupied by Miss Haswell's school-her working place from early morn till a would have become the College of all a first-rate one too) named Antonio There that one saw told of inquiring, seeking little after four o'clock-and a little further off the " Home" for Eurasian girls. Mrs. Longley's school-room is back of this house. With two schools here you may imagine what a busy place this compound is. On another street a short distance from us is the three hours our Saturday evening meeting residence of the late Dr. Judson, now occupied by Rev. J. R. Haswell, and quite near it the Pagoda mentioned by Mrs. Emily Judson in her poem enmoonlight only affording us tantalizing main in the sanctuary and not to depart titled "Watching." Have you seen the poem? Let me give a short ex-

> " On the Pagoda spire The bells are swinging, Their little golden circlet in a flutter, With tales the wooing winds have dared to Till all are ringing, As if a choir golden-nestled birds in heaven were singing;

And with a lulling sound The music floats around, And drops like balm into the drowsy ear; Commingling with the hum Of the Sepoy's distant drum, And lazy beetle ever droning near."

The "distant drum" is still is heard nightly. Last year the Pagoda was Our fiends who have forwarded crowned with a new Htee (tee) which have saved us much inconvenience. | er music than I can attempt to tell of. Those of our S bscribers who have It is very pleasant for me here, and I not as yet attended to this matter will am thankful that beside all the good confer a favor by forwarding the things I enjoy, opportunities are afamount at their earliest convenience. forded me of learning much from the Other persons who have omitted experience of those who have so long payment for the past or previous years, been engaged in the cause of mis-

As I write my ears are greeted by amount due as soon as possible. the voice of song from the neighbour-We much need all that is owing to en- ing house where Miss Haswell's school able us to meet imperative demands is in session. This is the hour for sewing and they beguile its tedium by singing. How good it is to hear the songs of Zion in a strange land even though in a strange tongue! How many pleasant memories are awakened as their me'ody falls upon my ear and fills my soul! Better than all others are the good old tunes learned in the good old times, and some such they have been singing to-day. I have often heard it said that the Burman voice could make no music and believed it. But good training will do as much for these as for the voices of American children. Miss Haswell has been careful in the training of her girls and from her school ascends such a chorus of song as I have not heard before in Burmah. I like best to hear them on Sabbath morning. They come in all ready for church, dressed in nice bright skirts and jackets, their heads adorned with flowers and the large girls wear pretty colored silk kerchiefs about the shoulders. They sing for nearly an hour, Miss Haswell leading them with voice and piano. Then it is a pretty sight to see them walking to church in procession twice a day. They wear no hats or turbans but most of them carry umbrellas. This gaily attired procession walking through the streets of your city would produce quite a sensation. It attracts considerable attention here-those pretty modest looking young girls so different from the women we usually see in the bazaar and elsewhere.

I presume that you have often read accounts of the progress of Miss Haswell's work from the Baptist Missionary Magazine. I have too, but it is much better to be here and see for myself the way that her work is done. As you cannot enjoy the same privilege I will try to give you some idea of it. In the commencement of her school she adopted Miss Lyon's method and has MY DEAR MRS. CUNNINGHAM, -I followed it strictly ever since with suchave long been expecting another let. cess. The school was open about seven they have not come in since vacation. Maulmain is a beautiful place I am This affects the day schools sometold, but I've seen little of it as yet, what tco. She has five day schools that little quite equals my expectations. and last term the number of pupils The view from Pagoda Hill is mag- was 164. Her boarders are bound to nificent, but the glimpses I caught of her for a term of years. She has them it on the morning of my visit was now in school ranging in age from five day was spent in a capitally arranged but The spirit of prayer prevailed and many scarcely enough to enable me to give to seventeen years. Those under

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