

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N.S., APRIL 21, 1875.

By some strange and at present unaccountable circumstance two letters in reference to the Dalhousie College Question have been intercepted in their way from the writer to our office. We had been told by telegraph to expect them and looked for them by every mail last week having relied on them as supplying what was needed at the present moment. We cannot imagine who could have the temerity to interfere with their coming directly to our office. We hope yet to discover the delinquent or guilty party.

THE RESTORATION OF INEBRIATES is a matter which should deeply interest every Christian man, woman and child. We are glad to find that a measure having this object in view is now before our Legislature. We bespeak for it the earnest consideration and hearty support of every well-disposed member on both sides of the houses.

In harmony with this we are glad to be able to intimate that an Address will be given by Mr. D. Banks McKenzie on Thursday, to-morrow, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, on the subject of the "Appleton Home" and the care and cure of inebriates.

Mr. McKenzie is accredited by the following letter:—

To the Citizens of Halifax: The bearer of this, D. Banks McKenzie, is Superintendent of the Appleton Temperance Home, of which ex-Governor Thomas Talbot is President. This Home was founded by Mr. McKenzie, assisted by the friends of the charitable, about two years ago. It has done a great good work and has lately been incorporated and organized for a larger work. A large and beautiful place, about eleven miles out of the city has been purchased and is being furnished and fitted up for occupation. Mr. McKenzie will truthfully represent the Institution and work, and we recommend what he may say to your earnest consideration. Yours very respectfully, F. S. HESSELTINE, Treas. Appleton Temporary Home, I concur in the above. THOMAS TALBOT.

16 Pemberton Square, Boston, April 17, 1875.

Rev. I. E. Bill has been luxuriating in a visit to Paris. He gives a very Nova Scotia brother, coming down from the pulpit in the American Chapel, to see a well-known brother, Mr. Cummings, from Truro, Nova Scotia, stretching out his hand to greet us. He said that he had been surprised in seeing us coming up the aisle of the chapel, and had wept for joy. It seemed such a singular providence that we should meet in Paris. As hands clasped, and as hearts beat with the sympathies of a home religious affection, we could but feel it was a joyous climax to a meeting of sweet religious fervor.

Mr. Bill adds:—"Paris, as a city, has no Sabbath. Stores, shops, and places of business of all sorts are open and prosecuting their avocations as on a week day. Tens of thousands, male and female, gentle and simple, crowding all the great thoroughfares and promenading resorts of the city; business cabs and carriages of all sorts driving as on any other day; different kind of plays in the public streets in full blast, for the amusement of the people. The afternoon is devoted to horse racing; and in the evening theatrical performances on a large scale. Such is life in Paris on God's holy day. Such desecration of the day of rest, we had never before witnessed.

There has been much said of late in our city papers, pro and con, on the subject of Universalism. We doubt if there have been many converts made on either side. The following is a very striking illustration giving by Dr. Talmage of the tendency of the views held by Universalists:—

"A man near Utica, New York, sent for his pastor, a Universalist minister, and said to him: 'If I should die now would I go to heaven?' 'Most certainly,' the minister replied. 'You think there is no possible doubt about it?' 'None at all, sir.' 'Well,' said the man, 'I have had trouble enough, now I am going away from it. I am going to leave the world, and I am going now,' and he drew a pistol and put it to his own temple, when the minister clutched his arm and said: 'Stop! stop! there may be a hell!' Then the man turned to the minister and said: 'You preach what you don't believe. You are a deceiver.'

PERSONAL.—A postal card from Rev. T. H. Porter, at Los Angeles, Lower California, informs us that on account of continued ill health, he has severed his connection with the church at Fredericton, N. B., of which for several years he has been the pastor. He adds: "I have no hope of ever being able to return to the Provinces." We regret much to hear this of the state of our brother's health.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE HALIFAX SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS having become vacant, application for the office has been invited, and has resulted in bringing forth upwards of forty applicants. There are few offices in our city where a man might be the means of doing more good than in this one. Having the good intentions of the Board of Commissioners to carry into execution, he might do a vast amount of good to the Teachers and the Schools of the city. It is to be hoped that a wise choice will be made to get the best man out of the forty—one that has the cause of education at heart, and is disposed to give his whole attention to the endeavour to benefit the schools, without regard to sect or party. A good man need not wish for a more honorable occupation than to be actively employed in behalf of the whole of the youth of a city like Halifax.

RIVERDALE, YARMOUTH COUNTY. —When the same name is given to places in several counties parties writing from them should add the name of the county, or mistakes will be very likely to arise.

A paper was ordered to be sent to Riverdale which we directed accordingly—not knowing the county, we could do nothing more. It was forwarded first to Colechester and then to Pictou counties. A letter was received this week complaining of the non-arrival of the paper, still without the name of the county; fortunately the envelope had not been destroyed, and it was found to be from Yarmouth County. The same suggestion may apply to Lakeville, Milton, Pleasant Valley, Kempt, Maitland, &c., &c., places with these names being found in several different counties in this Province.

Our brethren in the United States are great centennial movement. The *Watenman & Reflector* speaks of it as the great work of "putting all our educational institutions upon a strong working basis, and enlisting our entire people in the cause of higher education. In this work—and in this work alone—Baptists of all sections, North, South, East and West, can fully unite. This, well done up, will be a centennial movement to the memory of our fathers which we shall not be ashamed to have our sons of the latest generation gaze on. Some of the sectional committees have already matured their plans. Our plans for New England are nearly ripe for effort. We trust that every Baptist man, woman and child will have the opportunity of contributing something toward the grand result. We may here add that we have in the United States nine theological seminaries, thirty-four colleges, and fifty academies. Of these one alone (Brown University) comes down to us from a previous century. All the rest of our educational work has been done since 1819, when Hamilton Theological Seminary was founded. We have now 38 theological professors and 460 students for the ministry; 278 college professors, teaching 4,850 students, of whom 562 are preparing for the ministry; 312 academical instructors, teaching 4,795 students, 330 of whom are looking forward to the ministry—it being a total of 628 teachers, and 8,506 students, 1,352 of the latter having the ministry in view. The total property and endowments amount to over thirteen million of dollars. Let us thank God and take courage for the good beginning, and gird ourselves anew for a good ending—at least for putting every institution in good working order."

Although we have no centennial to celebrate, the same work requires to be done in our own province. It needs but the will as preliminary, and before the end of 1876 we might have our institutions on a basis that would be a guarantee to permanency and progress.

Sir Geo. Campbell, the late Lieut. Governor of Bengal, has promised to take the chair at the annual meeting of the English General Baptist Missionary Society, to be held at Wisbeach, England, in the month of June.

TORONTO.—The Roman Catholic clergy used to claim that one thousand tax payers in the city of Toronto wanted Separate Schools, and would support such schools. At the latest meeting of School Trustees the Clerk could furnish the names of only 144 rate payers who declared themselves supporters of Separate Schools. This looks as if Roman Catholic parents were losing faith in these much-talked-of institutions.—*Witness.*

A BAPTIZED ARAB.—Rev. Mr. McArthur, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, New York city, had recently the rare privilege of baptizing a converted Arab of some twenty years of age. Born near the supposed site of the Garden of Eden, he was led to Jesus by reading the New Testament in his native tongue. By the plain teachings of the same blessed book he was led to the view universally held by Baptists; but never, until as a wanderer after knowledge he had reached the United States, was he aware that there was a people who had always cherished views of the primitive church and its ordinances similar to his own. He is expecting to prepare himself for missionary work among the Arabs.

The Report on Public Printing has not yet been disposed of in the Assembly. The vote on the Want of Confidence motion will not we presume prevent distinct action being taken on that matter and a guarantee being given that only fair prices will in future be given for work done for the Province the same as for any private citizen.

It is somewhat amusing to see what a sensation has been produced by the few Baptists and their new chapel just opened in the City of Rome.

One of the leading Roman Catholic journals published in Rome speaks of the opening services at Mr. Wall's Chapel on Palm Sunday as "a new scandal and a new profanation of our Holy City, the seat and centre of Catholicism." It would appear that the Pope's own attention has been called seriously to the matter, for only last February he called together the parish priests of his metropolis (if we may still speak of it as his metropolis), and bade them direct their forces to check the tide of Protestantism, and to oppose these teachers of error, and tear from their hands those lambs which were in danger of becoming wolves. "One sentence of the Pope's address on this occasion is worth quoting exactly. 'I know,' said he 'that such teachers of lies are under the anathema of Jesus Christ, whose sentence was that it would be better for them than a millstone were tied to their necks, and that they were cast into the depths of the sea.'

The Roman Catholics of Prince Edward Island are making another attack on the Free School System and petitioning for Separate Schools. The following resolution has been introduced into the Island Legislature, with a view of course of getting Teachers into the schools without their having to undergo the usual examination for certificates of proficiency:—

Resolved, That a Bill be introduced to amend the Acts relating to Education in the Island, so as to provide that persons presenting to the Board of Education, satisfactory certificates from known establishments in Europe or America, shall be allowed to teach in schools and villages on this Island, where religious instruction is imparted; and that where the other requirements of the said Education Acts are complied with, such persons shall receive an allowance from the monies appropriated for Educational purposes in proportion to the number of scholars taught in such schools.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Our friends who have forwarded their subscriptions for the present year will please accept our best thanks for their promptness. By so doing they have saved us much inconvenience.

Those of our Subscribers who have not as yet attended to this matter will confer a favor by forwarding the amount at their earliest convenience.

Other persons who have omitted payment for the past or previous years, and are in arrears to any extent, will greatly oblige by letting us have the amount due as soon as possible. We much need all that is owing to enable us to meet imperative demands coming upon us every week.

SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The Quarterly Meeting of the Halifax and Dartmouth Sabbath School Association was to be held in Granville Street Church, last evening, April 20th. Rev. Dr. Burns of Fort Massey Church, to deliver an address to teachers on "Sabbath School Work."

Notices.

HOME MISSION AGENCY.

Dear Editor.—Please give notice that after visiting Upper Stewiacke, Brookfield and Truro, I expect to reach in Upper Economy on the evening of Wednesday April 28th. In Lower Economy on the evening of Thursday, April 29th, and in Parrsboro on the evening of Friday, April 30th, thence on to Advocate Harbor.

We had a good meeting last evening at Great Village. The work is progressing. Yours truly,

D. FREEMAN. Great Village, April 14, 1875.

MONIES RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes entries for J. H. Robbins (\$2.00), M. R. Selden (508.50), and various other individuals.

THOMAS P. DAVIES, Treasurer Foreign Missionary Board.

RECEIVED FOR WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETY.

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes entries for Mrs. J. L. Sandford (\$6.00), Mrs. Wm. Jess, and others.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Dear Brother,—

Will you permit me to acknowledge in the Christian Messenger, a donation of Eight dollars and twenty-five cents, per Rev. E. M. Saunders, from five friends in Halifax; I am requested not to publish their names. May heaven reward them. As I review the past 64 years, that I have been laid aside, a complete invalid, I am constrained to acknowledge the faithfulness, to Him, I owe all the friends, and comforts I enjoy. And blessed be his name, they are neither few nor small, I have been receiving from time to time temporal aid, from the first until now from Infirm Ministers' Funds and various other sources, so that the real wants of my family have been supplied. And I wish to say, that among the favours I have received, the attention and medical aid kindly and freely bestowed upon me by my physician—Dr. John A. Morse, who has attended me from the first until now, is by no means the least. I wish also, to acknowledge the kindness of Elias Bishop, Esq., in giving me twenty shooks from his Electric Battery and other favours without charge. My prayer is, that the best of Heaven's blessings may rest upon all those kind friends, during the present life, and in the world to come; when, it shall be said by the Judge, to those on his right hand, 'Come ye blessed of my Father' &c. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' May each of those my benefactors be found among them.

I may just say, for the information of such as may wish to know, that my health continues much as for several years past, I am very nervous, and suffer continual pain. But my hope is in God, a refuge always near, and soon, I shall be at rest forever. Praise the Lord. My family consisting of a wife and two daughters, are, none of them, in very good health. And now, desiring an interest in the prayers of all the dear people of God, and thanking you dear Editor, for your kindness, in hearing with my troublesome articles, and for the Christian Messenger sent me without charge for these several past years, I remain your afflicted but affectionate brother in Christ.

April 16th, 1875. R. S. MORTON.

P. S.—I have acknowledged all sums received either, directly to the donors, or in the Christian Messenger. R. S. M.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

M. Kinsman, \$6. W. J. Gates, J. B. McNutt, Esq. \$2. J. McKinlay, \$4. Rev. E. B. Corey, Mrs. Delap \$2. Rev. D. Freeman, \$5. W. McCully, 4th. Wm. McVean, 1 sub. \$2. B. Mood. Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Rev. L. B. Gates, \$2. Rev. S. March, Dr. F. E. Eaton, \$5. Rev. W. S. Morton, T. P. Davies, I. L. Fulton, C. W. Roscoe, Esq.

THE ICE on Bedford Basin has been firm and unbroken till within the last few days. Teams have crossed in places with perfect safety. The North-west Arm has now become quite unsafe. On Saturday last some soldiers crossed from Melville Island but from the danger they were in it is not likely they will try it again this winter.

Local News.

CIVIC.—At the City Council meeting held on Friday last the salaries of the chaplains—Rev. Dr. Cochran, and one of the Roman Catholic priests—were increased from \$200 to \$300. Objection was offered, and, in the discussion, a motion to adjourn was defeated by the casting vote of the Mayor.

Licenses to sell intoxicating drinks were given to 45 applicants. It is presumed that they had the requisite number of signatures to their petitions, and that said petitions were something more than affirming that the applicants were fit and proper persons to sell intoxicating liquors, as we hear that one presented to the Dartmouth Council was a few days since. But of this we understand the public are not permitted to know, the petitions being carefully placed in the hands of a committee instead of coming before the Council as they should.

It is proposed that the Public Gardens shall be under the management of ten Commissioners, six of whom shall be Aldermen and four other citizens.

DARTMOUTH.—The Sugar Refinery for the building of which preparation was made here some years since, is likely now to be carried into operation. Legislation with regard to duties on raw and refined sugars has hitherto prevented this work being proceeded with. The present fiscal arrangement it is believed will allow this manufacture to live in the Dominion, and, if at any place, none is so suitable as Dartmouth or the neighborhood of Halifax, where sugar is imported so largely. It will involve the expenditure of a large amount of capital. Mr. Duxton who has the Woodside Sugar Refinery in hand will be aided largely by capitalists in Great Britain, and open up a new and valuable employment for labor and capital.

It is expected that our Local Legislature will rise about the end of this month.

SEALS.—The steamer "George Shattuck" captured two seals on the ice while on the voyage from St. Pierre and brought them into Halifax on Saturday. There have been quite a number of seals seen on the broken fields of ice in the ocean recently.

ACCIDENTS.—On Friday a laboring man named Tobin had the fore-fingers of one of his hands badly crushed in a block, while engaged cooling the steamer "Sidonian" at DeWolff's wharf.

On Thursday a lad fell from the bridge at Queen Street extension, a distance of about 30 feet, and was severely injured.

POTATOES from Cornwallis sold at auction on Friday last at 50 to 52 cents per bushel.

THE INFANT'S HOME has been in tribulation, its officers not acting in harmony—as we understand principally on the matter of employing wet nurses for the little ones in the establishment. The divided counsels produced dissatisfaction, heart-burning, and recrimination; and a necessity for reconstruction in the foundation of the good work of saving the lives of the poor motherless babies. A large meeting of the friends of the institution was held in the Y. M. C. Association rooms on Friday last. Letters which had passed between some of the lady-managers were read and produced no small sensation. The meeting, however preserved its dignity and ultimately resolved to abolish the offices of President and Vice-President, and the management was placed in the hands of the general committee. Mrs. J. Scott Hutton was elected Secretary, and Miss Nordbeck, Treasurer. A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers for their labors in starting the institution, and another to Dr. Lawson for his professional services. The Advisory Committee, together with Rev. G. W. Hill, Rev. G. M. Grant, Hon. Dr. Parker, Dr. W. J. Almon and Dr. Gordon were requested to revise the bye-laws.

IMPORTATION OF STOCK.—We learn from Dr. Clay that the mail steamer *Nova Scotian* had on board a number of valuable animals brought from Great Britain. He says: "The firm of Beattie & Miller, represented by Mr. W. M. Miller, of Whitevale, Ont., have purchased from the best English breeders, stock valued at \$3545. In England, some of the best pure bred Bats' cattle in Britain, viz., of the Sarmise, Kirklevington, Fennel, Duchesse, Craggs and Statira families—all of them prize cattle. The same firm has succeeded in securing from Scotland some of their heavy cart stallions, and from Gloucestershire, England, twenty of the pure Berkshire breed of hogs; and since their arrival here they have had the good fortune to have quite an addition to their pig family, of which the proprietors are not a little proud. This firm imports regularly, generally making two trips each year; and within the past few years they have sold to this Province several thousand dollars worth of pure blooded stock.

Along with the above stock the *Nova Scotian* brought over for J. Thomson of Whitchy, Ontario, an old importer of stock, two superior Clydesdale stallions. Mr. Morrison, from Toronto, who is also on board, has three of the same breed, and Mr. Merkle of Prescott, Ontario, has one. In passing through the ship a person is constantly reminded of Noah's Ark, for besides the above valuable stock, they have various varieties of fowls, viz, dark and light Brahmas, grey Dorkins, speckled Hamburgs, buff Cochins, black Spanish, and last, but not least, as representatives of British pluck, two trios of beautiful game fowls, the cocks appearing to be in good fighting trim."