

New Missionaries.—The English society does somewhat differently from what it used to formerly. The men now are sent out unmarried, and have to study and pass an examination in the language before they are allowed to marry. There is no doubt in my mind that the examination is a good thing and we wish we had something of the kind in our missions. On the other hand we more than doubt if anything is gained in mission work or saved to the society by sending out the young men alone at first. The missionary will have to work two years as a full missionary with a wife who cannot help him much. This is a great loss so far in our mission. It is the rule for the husband and wife to get the language up together. The wives do as well as the husbands. The argument, that we will see before we are at the expense of bringing out the wife whether the husband will be able to stand the climate and get the language, does not amount to much. Among the Probationers is a cousin of Spurgeon, the cousin's name is Spurgeon. He is a fine earnest man and having passed his examination will be soon married and go to a field an independent worker.

Organization.—Evidently one great source of weakness of the English Baptist Missions in India has been want of union. Every man was free to do that which was right in his own eyes, whether it was wise or unwise. This is pretty much our position at present in the Telugu mission, and we will never permanently succeed till it is changed. Our present organization is Baptist. For instance: We are in Ramapatam. There are a number of preachers under us. We absolutely control their salary. To day one of the ordained men may offend me, tomorrow we can dismiss him from the mission justly perhaps, but possibly unjustly. He has no redress. We may be for 8 years carrying on the mission on a certain policy that though not the best yet if persevered in will give some tangible results. We are followed by one who who says all was wrong and he starts in a different way and about the time his plans would bear fruit he goes, and another comes. The results after 30 or 40 years will not be at all commensurate with the outlay.

The work ought to be controlled on the ground by a majority vote, and every missionary's work ought to be subject to the revision of the whole in committee. The preacher should be under the whole body and not under any one man. Something of the kind is what the Baptists of North India have come to after generations of work. The organization is new, but already it is beginning to tell for good. We much mistake the signs of the times if large blessings are not in store for the "Old Baptist Mission." The missionaries are finding out where their methods of work can be bettered, and they now have it in their power to see that they are bettered.

The portion of the foregoing extract, to which I particularly refer is that headed "Organization." It seems to me indispensable. And now, if ever, is the time to introduce it. The opinion of a missionary of several years experience, highly recommends early "Organization," and the arguments used are, I feel, irresistible. It is not merely as it would affect the missionaries sent out, but those who may hereafter be employed among the natives, that Organization is requisite. But as I have some additional ideas to submit, I shall not further weary the reader at present.

J. McCULLY.
Halifax, 5 April, 1876.

For the Christian Messenger.

Baptist Churches in Halifax.

Mr. Editor.—My attention has frequently been drawn to articles in the Messenger, under the heading, "Third Baptist Church." Learning that a number of our brethren and sisters in different parts of our province, believe, from the perusal of said articles, that there is a Third Baptist church in the city; and, finding that some few brethren and sisters, on taking up their residence in the city, remove their membership from sister churches and unite with the so-called Third Baptist Church, I beg to inform all whom it may concern, through the columns of your much esteemed paper, that there never was, and is not at the present time, a regularly organized Third Baptist Church in the city of Halifax, in connection with either of our Associations in Nova Scotia.

By giving publicity to the above you will confer a favour on one who wishes to sustain the principles of our denomination, that are dear to the hearts of every true Baptist.

D. THOMSON.
April 8, 1876.
[Christian Visitor please copy.]

The cable steamer Faraday which had been lying in Halifax harbor several weeks sailed on Saturday to repair the Direct United States cable.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., April 12th, 1876.

REV. C. B. PITBLADO ON DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES.

Rev. C. B. Pitblado, minister of Chalmers Church in this city, is making a tour in the United States for the benefit of his health. He writes a very readable letter to the *Witness* of last week, in which he makes some clear and distinct expressions of opinion on the College Question, of a very different character from those generally held by Presbyterians, and expressed in the recent discussion of this matter. He says:—

I have just finished reading my letters, and looking over the Halifax newspapers, which I found awaiting me at this place. I feel very much inclined to comment on those matters of interest which I find engrossing the attention of my fellow-townsmen instead of speaking about my journey. You may be sure that I feel intensely interested in the College question. I think it might be well to state the testimony of one of the leading men of the Princeton University in reference to National Education. Though the testimony is partially against the view of those who plead for a Provincial University for Nova Scotia. Still it is well to know it. Said he: "Our State Universities have not been nearly so successful as the Denominational Collegiate institutions. In fact many of them have been complete failures. The best institutions of the country altogether or almost independent of state aid and state control. Whenever we have to deal with politicians about finances or educational life, we find ourselves hampered and repressed. You cannot depend on their promises and this gives a feeling of uncertainty to the institution which they aid. Then there has been such a maneuvering and manipulation among politicians, that for Senates and Faculties of Colleges to stoop to work on their platform is apt to smother learning and morality in the poisonous air of political corruption and expediency." He dwelt at length upon the matter, and ended by saying that Princeton would not accept state aid for fear of in any way surrendering its independence or crippling its efficiency. I could not help exclaiming, "O happy condition!" to have plenty of funds without touching the public treasury, and to be able to carry on the Institution without dragging Higher Education through the mire of party politics. Will not some of our rich men immortalize themselves by endowing a College of this free and liberal type in Nova Scotia?

After this telling account of what is taught by the logic of facts and experience in the United States Colleges appearing in the *Witness*, many of our Presbyterian friends will probably take a somewhat different view of this important matter; more especially after the failure on the part of the Editor of the *Witness*, the week before last, to reply to the letter of Mr. King published in the same number. We do not mean that he did not try to answer the said letter, seeing that he had a labored article of near three columns, but he failed to touch Mr. K's argument, showing that Dalhousie College has been and is a sectarian institution.

In the matter of Public Schools Mr. Pitblado remarks:—

I have been as industrious as I could enquiring into this matter at every stopping place since, and find his (the above Princeton man's) views very largely entertained. One thing is certain, that the common school system of the United States has not been a failure. I hope that no bargain about Dalhousie College will ever induce the people of Nova Scotia to destroy their unsectarian school system. Sectarial institutions maintained by the State are all wrong and contrary to the spirit of our free constitution, which gives no denomination precedence over another. If men will have denominational schools or Colleges, let them support such institutions without state aid. Every citizen need not pass through College but every citizen should go to school. This seems to be the prevalent sentiment among the men with whom I have conversed on the subject in this country.

Mr. Pitblado also refers to the prevalent distress in the United States in the following terms:—

The grumbling about bad times has met me everywhere, but no place seems to be darker and drearier just now than Washington. From six hundred to a thousand clerks in the departments are idle. A great many more expect to be dismissed. They (the politicians) must give an earnest of the dawning of the millennium of political economy by the dismissal of 600 to 700 clerks, with the threat to dismiss more and reduce the salaries at least ten per cent. So under such influences Washington, which lives in the sunshine of political offices, is now under a cloud and the inhabitants fear a storm.

GENERAL METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER FOR 1875. Observed by F. Allison.

Mr. Allison is doing good service by the records he is making of our atmospheric phenomena. He has given the results of the past year in a compact tabular form showing the thermometrical, barometrical and various other changes in Halifax for each month of the year; for a copy of which he will accept our thanks.

The maximum temperature of the year was 85°, in August, the minimum 0.2° in March, the mean temperature of the year being 40.23. The greatest daily range of the thermometer being 38.3 in June.

October was the month of greatest rain when it was 9.976. The total rainfall of this year being 42.493; rain having fallen on 134 days and snow on 54 days. There was but one hail storm and but two rainbows during the year, thunder was heard on six days and lightning seen on nine.

The difference of each month and of the year from what has been for the past 13 years, in all these respects, is given with much particularity and may answer many enquiries of the curious in these matters.

"The Star Book on Christian Baptism," by Rev. E. Hiscox, D. D., published by U. D. Ward, 150 Nassau Street, New York. A new edition of a very concise and compact little book—a compendium of the teachings of history philology and history on the initiatory ordinance of the Christian Church.

"A sermon on Baptism and the Lord's Supper," by the Rev. H. Porter, A. M., pastor of the first Baptist Church Brantford, Ontario. An excellent discourse, full of instruction.

"GRAND ROUNDS" for April contains the first portion of a popular well-written Serial Story by Mrs. Hunt-Morgan. The French Lessons given in each number are well adapted to aid young beginners in acquiring a knowledge of that language. This is the only monthly Magazine published in Halifax and whilst it is full of excellent reading matter it aims to serve the cause of the Soldier's and Sailor's Home, an institution which deserves commendation and help from every citizen.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—A letter from one of the good brethren of the Baptist church in this place informs us of their need of a minister. The Rev. W. B. Haynes has, we learn, returned to England. We shall be glad to hear of some minister being soon settled in that really interesting, and, we believe, inviting field of labor.

The *Wesleyan* has spoken in reply to the question mooted by us last week. And now the problem of "How eloquence can rebaptize," is solved. After quoting from our columns, the editor says: "Dr. Douglas and Judge Wilmot rebaptized our Canadian Church by pouring upon it their eloquence, and giving it a new name. We suppose we had no right to use the term, considering that it belongs by exclusive right to our Halifax neighbor."

If our neighbor is satisfied, perhaps we ought to be. But then if baptize means pour, why, in baptizing, does he not "pour," and pour copiously; equal to—real baptizing? He probably thinks rantizing is as good as baptizing.

BIRTH.—At Liverpool, England, on Tuesday, March 21st, the wife of Rev. W. B. Boggs, of a son.

The above will explain the detention of Bro. Boggs in Liverpool. It is their intention to leave for Nova Scotia by the steamer of the 18th Inst.

The *Presbyterian Witness* is getting to be quite facetious over what is to many a rather solemn subject. He evidently believes in a good joke, and so puts the following before his readers:—

The latest amusement is termed the "Printer's Delight," and is performed in the following manner: Take a sheet of note paper, fold it up carefully, and enclose a bank note sufficiently large to pay up all arrears and a year in advance. And what adds immensely to the feat is to send along the name of a new subscriber, with the cash to balance. Keep your eye on the printer, and if you detect a smile the trick is a success. Try it.

We commend the hint to our own subscribers, and think the experiment well worth a trial. Those who succeed deserve to enjoy a hearty laugh over this "latest amusement."

HOME MISSIONS.

For the Christian Messenger.

A SUGGESTION.

It has occurred to me that if the Home Missionary Union would say to your readers more about the work they have in charge more interest would be awakened.

The churches will feel the importance of Home Mission work largely in proportion as it is brought to their notice. About once in six months an appeal is published in the *Christian Messenger* for increased liberality, but seldom if ever accompanied by any facts calculated to intensify the interest which the people feel in the cause of God at home. The time for meeting the brethren in their Associational gatherings will soon be here, and steps should be taken at once, if this has not already been done to secure an amount fully equal to what was raised last year.

We ought to give more if we give in proportion to the rich spiritual blessings our churches have enjoyed.

Would it not be a good idea for the Board to publish in the *Christian Messenger* the amount received to date from all sources—the present liabilities and what is needed to meet the demands of the year? This is written in no captious spirit but with the desire to promote the best interests of our denomination in the Home field. Unless some vitality is given to the Home Missionary operations more than is seen and felt just now, the progress of Christ's Kingdom both at home and abroad will be more than hampered.

I observe how persistently the work of the different societies in the United States is pressed upon the attention of the churches. The same thing is true in the Upper Provinces. One has only to read either the *Watchman* or the *Canadian Baptist* to be convinced on this point.

When the "Union" first began operations there seemed to be great activity 'all along the line.' But now in many places silence prevails—the silence if not of death—at least of a sleep which is of very long continuance.

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NOTICES.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Indian Harbour, —Mrs. C. Allan, \$ 4.00
Freeport, Long Island, Digby Co.,
Mrs. Fanny Morrell, 4.00
Milton, Queens, —Mrs. E. G. Freeman, 10.00
Sydney, —Miss M. M. Hill, 4.00
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.
Halifax, April 12, 1875.

NEW SOCIETY.

FREEPORT, LONG ISLAND, DIGBY CO., —Mrs. Selden, —A few of the sisters met in this place on the first day of March, and organised a Women's Missionary Aid Society with the following Officers: Mrs. SARAH SPRING, President. " W. L. PARKER, Vice-Presidents. " P. L. ELDRIDGE, " J. H. EATON, Treasurer. " FANNY RING, Auditor. Mrs. FANNY MORRELL, Secretary.

LOWER STEWIAKKE, April 8th 1876.

MR. SELDEN, —Dear Sir, —Please allow me through the Messenger to acknowledge the following sums received to aid us in building our New-Meeting House.

C. A. Richardson, \$2 00
T. M. Boggs, 8 00
Many thanks to our friends for their timely aid, we expect to have our house ready for service about the 1st of May.
Yours, &c.,
E. C. BANKS.

THAT PICTURE.—We have no information further than is given in the advertisement which was sent to us by a respectable Advertising Agency. We have regarded it as a genuine offer of a handsome picture for 25 cents, if sent on with the Certificate. This, we suppose, might be done when so many are required. We have heard that some have received the picture, and hope that all who have sent for it may in due time.

THE LADIES OF GRANVILLE ST. CHURCH AND CONGREGATION purpose holding a Tea-Meeting in Argyle Hall on Thursday 13th Inst. The funds to be devoted towards providing better accommodation for the Sabbath School and Social meetings of the Church.

Letters Received.

Rev. Jas. Meadows, \$2. J. P. Foster, Esq., \$2. Rev. W. Spencer, 60c. Rev. E. N. Archibald, \$5. A. J. Leadbetter, \$4. R. N. Sibley, W. Turner, \$2. F. Cook, Rev. J. C. Bleakney, W. C. Bill, Esq., \$3.50. C. Gates, N. R. Westcott, Esq., \$2. Rev. Dr. Tupper, Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., \$6. Rev. G. B. Titus, Rev. S. J. Neily, \$2. C. Jost, Esq., Mrs. Tupper, S. R. DeWolfe, \$2.

Jas. Rafter, \$5 U. S. W. F. Cullen, Esq., M. E. Marshall, \$4. J. C. Neily, Jos. Ham, D. Whitman, \$8. W. M. McVean, \$2. Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., \$2. M. Kinsman, \$5. D. Archibald, G. E. Crosscup.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE TYPE WRITER on exhibition at Mr. J. P. Hagarty's store, Granville Street, by Mr. W. Frank O'Brien, is a great curiosity. It is worked by pressing knobs or keys each of which is marked by a letter or figure. It is very simple in its operation enabling one to print whatever he wishes more rapidly than he could write with a pen.

Hon. Dr. Tupper left Ottawa on Thursday night and arrived in Halifax on Sunday morning. He went on to Aylsford on Monday morning to visit his father Rev. Dr. Tupper, who is very ill.

ANOTHER VICTIM.—On Saturday last a soldier of the Royal Artillery, was found sitting in the North W. Arm woods, at the extension of South Street, by two boys. The man was afterwards ascertained to be John Morrison, he was quite dead. The body was removed to the dead house at the Garrison Hospital. Deceased was unmarried; aged about 26; and was formerly in charge of the bar at the Garrison Club. He had been drinking.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.—By breaking of an axle, under a box car, near Bedford, five cars of a Pictou freight train were thrown from the track, breaking the line, and delaying several trains.

About the same time six cars of a coal train were thrown off near Glengarry, delaying the express train two hours. The road was all clear by 9 o'clock in the evening.

ADVOCATE.—W. H. Bigelow has a fine barque of 1100 or 1200 tons rapidly approaching completion, several other vessels are in course of construction here.

EATONVILLE.—The Messrs. Eaton have done a large business in lumbering this winter, having hauled about 3,000,000 feet of logs for their steam mills, which will be started in a few days. They have about 1,250,000 feet of sawn lumber on hand, and have effected large sales in England for summer delivery. In addition to the sawn lumber business, they have put out and moulded, during the winter, the frame for a ship of 1,500 tons register, and are now engaged in getting out another ship frame.—*Amherst Sentinel.*

AMHERST has had an unusual amount of mortality since the beginning of the year.

The Postmistress at Amherst has been suspended; a clerk from Halifax is taking charge of the office.

The *Sentinel* reports that Messrs. Etter, Buckley & Co., of Amherst have a pair of fat oxen which are believed to be the largest in the Maritime Provinces. The measurement is as follows:—girth, 9 feet; length from root to horn, 9 feet 6 inches.; height, at shoulder, 6 feet.

WINDSOR.—The Presbyterian Church at this place on Sunday the 2nd added 104 names to its communion roll—the youngest of whom was 15 years of age and the oldest 83.

BRIDGEWATER.—The late freshet was very destructive here. The Gang Mills belonging to the Messrs. Davidson, situated at Bridgewater, were swept away. The loss, it is stated, will amount to twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars. A large lot of lumber was also carried away.

TUSKET.—The annual drive of logs on the Tusket River, for Messrs. Andrews, Mack & Co., started on the 28th ult. It is of formidable dimensions—its prospective yield in sawn lumber being estimated as 5,000,000 ft. The "drive" now on its downward way to the Steam-mill at Tusket Village, will, it is estimated, occupy about six weeks in reaching its destination.

BEAR RIVER.—The Digby Courier says the mortality at Bear River during the winter has been unusually great, especially among children. Between the 12th of November and the 30th of March last thirty-four deaths occurred. All were children from 18 months to 10 years of age, and with the exception of four, all died from scarlet fever and diphtheria.

TWO QUESTIONS EASILY ANSWERED.—Why should men wear beards? Because they are a great protection to the throat and lungs, and add much to their personal appearance.

Why should we use "Bryan's Pulmonic Wafers?" Because when used for coughs, colds, tickling in the throat, Hoarseness, &c., they act like a charm. Ministers and Lawyers use them, physicians recommend them, and singers and public speakers say they are the very best medicine in existence for the cure of such complaints. Sold by all medicine dealers, at 25 cts per box.

It is stated that there are now in Great Britain not quite 14,200 members of the Society of Friends of all ages.

A society has been formed in London to promote the colonisation and improvement of the Holy Land. More than a thousand Germans have already emigrated, and formed six settlements, one of which is at Jerusalem.

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