

Either we shall enter upon a year of new obedience, or add another to the accumulation of the past years of disobedience. It may be that during this year the command will be given, "Cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground." Personal safety should, therefore, induce earnest consideration and reformation. A proper appreciation of the work of Christ for our redemption will produce the higher motive of gratitude and love to Him, and compel us to a full surrender. When this is in active operation our language will be "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" With this enquiry upon our lips and a readiness to follow whatever answer is given, we may enter upon the year with the confident assurance that it will be to us a year of grace and blessing.

"If we make His service our delight He'll make our wants his care."

THE BAPTISTS OF MAINE AND THE CENTENNIAL.

We made some allusion last week to the large hearted plans of our brethren in Maine to provide Academeal Education for their young people. The subject is worthy of being better known and more generally thought of. We are indebted to Rev. R. D. Porter, who is now one of the ministers in that State, for a letter written to, and at the request of T. H. Rand, Esq., Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick, which is now before us.

The Baptists of the United States have been induced to make the Centennial Offering one worthy of the occasion. When it is borne in mind that in 1776 the whole denomination in the United States was but 25,000 members, whereas now—in 1876—they have become nearly 2,000,000, we are amazed, and can but exclaim, "What hath God wrought." The denomination in every State is making a vigorous and united effort to accomplish a grand object and erect a monument worthy of the occasion—the raising of a sum equal to one dollar per member for the Endowment of their educational institutions in each State. Perhaps no State has a more remarkable record of progress, or brighter promise of success in the future than that of Maine; there they propose if possible to make the average \$5.00 per member. The fact mentioned in our last of their having offered to them, as a gift to the Baptist body, three valuable Academies already in successful operation—Hebron Academy (Congregationalist), Gorham Academy (Unitarian) and Houlton Academy (Public, i. e., owned by the town of Houlton), all favorably located for obtaining students, the buildings and partial endowment constituting property worth from \$50,000 to \$60,000—on condition of their raising for them a further endowment of \$100,000. This indicates in what estimation the denomination there is held. The Colby University being so well endowed with a fund of \$200,000, there is ample provision for the Higher Collegiate course. To keep up the supply of students enlarged Academeal facilities are much needed there. With the Waterville Classical Institute and its endowment of \$50,000 by the gift of Governor Colburn, together with these three Academies in addition, there will be abundant opportunities for young people to fit themselves, under the auspices of the Baptist body, for entering the University, still under christian influences, and in connection with the Baptists.

The plan proposed for raising this sum of \$100,000 is developed in a circular before us, received as mentioned above. We copy the following from it:

It is proposed to give to every member of our congregations and Sabbath schools an opportunity to have a part in this Centennial offering. If every member shall give One Dollar, the sum raised will be equal to about Five Dollars, per member of our churches. Those God has blessed with means will be asked for larger subscriptions. One subscription of \$5000, and several of \$1000 each, have already been secured. It is hoped that one or two subscriptions will be made large enough to warrant the giving of the donor's name to one or more of the academies.

The Committee, appeal, in the name of our Lord, to every member of our congregations and Sabbath schools to contribute something, however small the offering may be, toward erecting a Centennial Monument of gratitude to God, for the abounding mercies of One Hundred Years.

Bro. Porter, in his letter, gives the details of the whole project and the steps by which it has been reached, which, if our space permitted, we should be glad to lay before our readers for their information and gratification. He closes his letter by saying—

"The practical value of these facilities will be simply inestimable. In them we must grasp a leverage the possibilities of which for the combined religious and educational uplifting of our people, and the promotion of the interests of unadulterated truth and the unmitigated ordinances of Jesus Christ, are altogether incalculable.

The state of progress in which the work of securing subscriptions now is, cannot be accurately stated. Suffice it to say that it is progressing and must succeed—if not to the extent of endowing four of the Academies, then, certainly, of three of them. We number, now, only about 20,000 church members in the state. The proposal is that these shall contribute, on an average, \$5 per member."

With these facts before our brethren in these provinces and bearing in mind that their numbers are equal to those in Maine if all were fully alive to the value of effort in this direction, we might not only make the endowment of Acadia College equal to all her necessities, but might, also, soon extend the endowment to Horton Collegiate Academy, and increase its efficiency so that it might become even more effectual as a feeder to the Higher Institution. Let us be ambitious of doing what we can to make our Zion a praise in the whole earth.

THE OKA INDIANS AND THEIR ROMAN CATHOLIC PERSECUTORS.

The recent acts of lawlessness perpetrated by prominent Roman Catholics on the converted Oka Indians in the Province of Quebec has awakened a strong feeling of sympathy for them in the minds of Protestants. A large meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall at Montreal on the 17th ult., for the purpose of protesting against the acts of the Roman Catholic Seminary of St. Sulpice in this matter. The Hall was crowded and strong feelings of indignation were expressed at the oppression and cruelty which had been for a series of years practised on these unoffending people. Able speeches were made by several ministers and gentlemen of different denominations in that city.

It was moved by Rev. J. F. Stevenson, and seconded by Dr. Beers:— "That inasmuch as the long continued oppression of the Indians of Oka by the priests of the Seminary of St. Sulpice led to the abandonment of the Church of Rome by these Indians, and inasmuch as this has been followed by persecutions, which have culminated in the ruthless demolition of their church at the instance of those priests, thereby reflecting upon both past and present Governments, who, as legal guardians of the Indians, should have effectually prevented such a distressing state of things, especially as there seems a determination to pursue the Indians with increasing rigour, therefore be it resolved, That a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Dominion Government, to secure for the Indians suitable protection for the future."

It was then moved by Professor McVicar, and seconded by Principal Dawson.

"That in view of the exclusion on the part of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of the Indians of Oka from the means of subsistence from land originally granted for their support, and of which the Seminary cannot truthfully be regarded as other than trustees for the benefit of the Indians; and further, in view of the fact that the manifest rights of these people appear to be sustained by the courts of justice, this meeting records its strongest disapprobation of the course pursued by the Seminary in destroying the Protestant Church at Oka, erected by benevolent friends for the benefit of the Indians."

The following resolution was next moved by Rev. Jas Roy, and seconded by Rev. J. P. Dumoulin,

"That the great revival of Roman Catholicism in the Province of Quebec is strikingly manifested in the exorbitant assumption of power, in the multiplication in the orders of friars, nuns, and such organizations as ever act most efficiently for the strengthening of that power, and in the humiliating and astonishing subserviency of the leading men of that Church, and of political men very generally, even though not of that Church, seen in the action of the Executive authority, in the halls of the Legislature, and even in the courts of law, and in the frequent acts of many of our public journalists to extenuate those demands, or to repress any action in opposition to them, suggests to all lovers of civil and religious liberty in all parts of the Dominion reason for promptly employing all means necessary to arouse the public to the necessities of our country, and effectually to resist the encroachments of the Romish hierarchy."

Next it was moved by Rev. Leonard Gaetz, and seconded by Rev. J. Borland,

"That this meeting is satisfied that the only guarantee to our country or to any other, alike important to Roman Catholics as to Protestants, to secure liberty of conscience, of free speech, and of a free press, and of equal rights to all classes, is the prevalence and power of real Protestantism, and therefore, above all party politics or other associations we shall contend for its maintenance and spread in this Canada of ours, and that to such journals and journalists only shall we extend patronage and support who will faithfully labour for this end."

The Indians had some time since memorialized the Queen concerning their troubles in relation to their title to the lands appropriated to them. A letter was read from the Queen in reply.

A committee was nominated consisting of Dr. Dawson, Rev. Dr. McVicar, and Mr. Wm. Glendinning to name a deputation to lay the matter before the Dominion Government.

Of course it is right to sympathize with the suffering, "to resist the encroachments of the Romish hierarchy," and to "contend for the maintenance" of "real Protestantism," but the heart of the evil will not be reached until there is a complete separation of the Church from the State in Quebec, as it is in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and the more enlightened nations. When the hierarchy of one church has no more power than another to make the civil magistrate obey his behests, and all the churches have to depend on the voluntary offerings of their people, without fear or force, then will such acts as those, these Indians are suffering from be brought to a termination.

A LITTLE TALK WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

In looking forward to this New Year, in which we are now entered, we have had deep concern for the best interests of the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER and its large and increasing body of readers. Whilst we have a list of subscribers of which we feel proud, and have a field of service on which an angel's hand might well be employed, yet we do not presume to be alone concerned in this work, nor alone responsible for its progress and results.

Although we may have the direct responsibility of its publication, resting upon us, yet the enterprise is not ours alone. Whilst it devolves upon us to conduct this department of "the fourth estate," we do so on behalf of our brethren and the Christian churches in this province with whom we are more particularly associated. Every subscriber is a participant in doing whatever of good may arise from our labors. It is not to be supposed that each one fully endorses everything that appears in our pages, from week to week, or that imperfections and blemishes are not often apparent in our work. These are burdens which we must ourselves bear. We are often painfully conscious of this, but then we recall to mind, that but few things on earth are quite perfect, the sun even has its spots. We aim to promote the highest welfare of our readers and their families, and in doing so, respectfully solicit their sympathy and co-operation. The kindness of heart of quite a number of our brethren, has prompted them to give us words of warm approval, and encouragement. These demand from us a renewed expression of thankfulness, and call us to enter upon the New Year with hope, that, as we continue each year to receive additions of substantial subscribers, so we may during the year have such a growing and expanding circulation as shall prove that our hopes are resting on no insecure basis, but on the intelligence of a wise and discriminating people.

The new type in which our present issue appears, and more we are expecting, will we doubt not increase the pleasure of our patrons in reading the Messenger; and be another inducement to them to seek for us increased patronage and support. Any persons who may have forgotten to forward their subscriptions will much oblige by attending to that matter without delay, as we need all that is due us to meet this expenditure and the continued demands of the paper.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER meetings are being held in this city as in former years—the morning meetings in Argyle Hall and the evening meetings in the several churches. Some weeks since we inserted the list of subjects, for exhortation and prayer, suggested by the Evangelical Alliance for the different days of the week.

On Monday morning the meeting was conducted by Hon. Dr. Parker, and addresses were made by several

ministers and others. In the evening the meetings were held in Brunswick Street church.

Last evening the meetings were in Fort Massey and Kaye St. churches and Association Hall.

This Wednesday evening the meetings in Grafton Street and St. John's churches.

On Thursday in Granville St. and Poplar Grove churches.

On Friday at St. Andrews and Salem chapel.

And on Saturday afternoon at St. Matthews church.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY RE-OPENS ON THURSDAY THE 6TH OF JANUARY—not the 16th, as one of our compositor's made us say last week. We hope no one has been misled by the error, seeing that the 16th was not Thursday.

LAKE GEORGE AND CHEGGOGGIN.—Rev. P. F. Murray writes, Dec. 25th 1875:—Our religious interests at Lake George have been well sustained through the past year, last sabbath we had an addition of six by baptism, at this place. Cheggoggin seems dark and dreary at present—one addition by baptism recently—otherwise the horizon is cloudy.

We had an enthusiastic Temperance Meeting on Wednesday evening last, at Pembroke, all are for prohibition.

Intere-ting communications from our Foreign Missionaries are received and will appear in our next.

THE BAPTIST YEAR BOOK will be forwarded to the churches during the present week.

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Jan. 27.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

1876-WINTER ARRANGEMENT-1876.

ON and after MONDAY, 13th December, Trains will run as follows:—

DAY EXPRESS TRAINS

Will leave Halifax for St. John, at 8.00 a. m., and St. John for Halifax at 8.00 a. m.

LOCAL EXPRESS TRAINS

will leave Pictou for Truro at 3.15 p. m., and Truro for Pictou at 10.50 a. m., St. John for Sussex, at 4.30 p. m., Sussex for St. John at 7.35 a. m., Point du Chene for Painssec at 11.40 a. m., and 3.20 p. m., Painssec for Point du Chene at 12.30 p. m., and 4.05 p. m.

MIXED TRAINS

will leave Halifax for Truro and Pictou, at 11.45 a. m., and 1 p. m., and Pictou for Truro and Halifax at 6.30 a. m., Truro for Painssec and Moncton at 7.00 a. m., and Moncton for Painssec and Truro at 7.20 a. m., Point du Chene for St. John at 6.45 a. m., and St. John for Point du Chene at 10.00 a. m.

ACCOMMODATION TRAINS

will leave Moncton for Miramichi, Campbellton and Way Stations at 12.15 p. m., and Campbellton for Moncton at 6.20 a. m., connecting with Trains to and from Halifax and St. John.

For particulars and connections see small Time Tables.

C. J. BRYDGES, General Supt Gov't Railways.

Railway Office, Moncton, 8th Dec., 1875. Dec. 15.

"CUSTOM TAILORING."

H. G. Laurillard,

119 HOLLIS STREET,

HALIFAX, N. S.

Agency for New York Fashions. Jan. 6.

A MAN OF A THOUSAND.

A CONSUMPTIVE CURED.

When death was hourly expected from CONSUMPTION, all remedies having failed, accident led to a discovery whereby Dr. H. James cured his only child with a preparation of CANAABIS INDICA. He now gives this recipe free on receipt of two stamps to pay expenses. There is not a single symptom of consumption that it does not dissipate—Night Sweats, Irritation of the Nerves, Difficult Expectoration, Sharp Pains in the Lungs, Nausea at the Stomach, Inaction of the Bowels, and Wasting of the Muscles, Address CRADDOCK & CO., 1032 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., giving name of this paper. Oct. 21. 13w. eow.

ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR

MRS. JACKSON'S LINIMENT.

One of the best Medicines now in use.

For sale at BROWN BROS., Halifax. Sept. 15. 3 m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

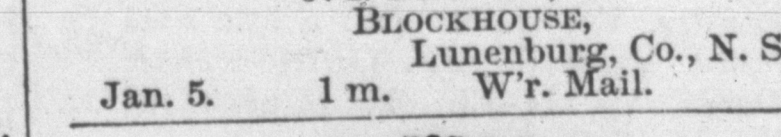


This is a beautiful Quarterly Journal, finely illustrated, and containing an elegant colored Frontispiece with the first number. Price only 25 cents for the year. The first No. for 1876 is just issued. VICK'S FLOWER and VEGETABLE GARDEN 35 cents; with cloth covers 65 cents.

Address, JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y. Jan. 5.

Very Cheap PIVOTS FOR STREAM DRIVING.

J. I. BROWN offers No. 1 PIVOTS at \$2.75 per Pivot, or \$2.50 each per half dozen, any persons wishing to purchase the same will please apply to J. I. BROWN, BLOCKHOUSE, Lunenburg, Co., N. S. Jan. 5. 1 m. W. R. Mail.



NOTICE.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE the Mail for the United Kingdom via Portland will close on WEDNESDAYS, at 10 o'clock, P. M., and via New York on THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, and SATURDAYS, at 10 P. M.

H. W. BLACKADAR, Post Master.

Post Office, Halifax, Dec. 28th, 1875. Jan. 5.

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CURE OF EPILEPSY; OR, FALLING FITS.

BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

Persons laboring under this distressing malady, will find Hance's Epileptic Pills to be the only remedy ever discovered for curing Epilepsy or Falling Fits.

The following certificates should be read by all the afflicted; they are in every respect true, and should they be read by any one who is not afflicted himself, if he has a friend who is a sufferer, he will do a humane act by cutting this out and sending it to him.

A MOST REMARKABLE CURE.

PHILADELPHIA, June 29th, 1857.

SETH HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: Seeing your advertisement, I was induced to try your Epileptic Pills. I was attacked with Epilepsy in July, 1853, and immediately my physician was summoned, but he could give me no relief. I then consulted another physician, but I seemed to grow worse. I then tried the treatment of another, but without any good effect. I again returned to my family physician; he cupped and bled several different times. I was generally attacked without any precursory symptoms. I had from two to five fits a day, at intervals of two weeks. I was often attacked in my sleep, and would fall wherever I would be, or whatever I was occupied with, and was severely injured several times from the falls. I was affected so much that I lost all confidence in myself. I also was affected in my business, and I consider that your Epileptic Pills cured me. In February, 1856, I commenced to use your Pills, and only had one fit since. The last one was April 5th, 1856, and they were of a less serious character. With the blessing of Providence your medicine was made the instrument by which I was cured of that distressing affliction. I think that the Pills and their good effects should be made known everywhere, that persons who are similarly afflicted may have the benefit of them. Any person wishing further information can obtain it by calling at my residence, No. 329 North Third St., Philadelphia, Pa. WILLIAM ELDER.

IS THERE A CURE FOR EPILEPSY?

The subjoined will answer.

GRENADE, Miss., June 30.—SETH S. HANCE.—Dear Sir: You will find enclosed five dollars, which I send you for two boxes of your Epileptic Pills. I was the first person who tried your Pills in this part of the country. My son was badly afflicted with fits for two years. I wrote for and received two boxes of your Pills, which he took according to directions. He has never had a fit since.

My son was a very bad one; he had fits nearly all his life. Persons have written to me from Alabama and Tennessee on the subject, for the purpose of ascertaining my opinion in regard to your Pills. I have always recommended them, and in no instance where I have had a chance of hearing from their effect have they failed to cure. Yours, etc. C. H. GERRARD, Grenada, Talabusha County, Miss.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE CURE OF EPILEPSY; OR, FALLING FITS.

BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

MONTGOMERY, Texas, June 29th, 1857.

To SETH S. HANCE.—A person in my employ had been afflicted with Fits, or Epilepsy, for thirteen years; he had these attacks at intervals of two to four weeks, and often times several in quick succession, sometimes continuing for two or three days. On several occasions they lasted until his mind appeared totally deranged, in which state he would continue for a day or two after the fits ceased.

I tried several remedies prescribed by our resident physicians, but without success. Having seen your advertisement I concluded to try your Pills. I obtained two boxes of your Pills, gave them according to directions, and they effected a permanent cure. The person is now a stout, healthy man, about 30 years of age, and has not had a fit since he commenced taking your medicine, ten years since. He was my principal wagoner, and has, since that time, been exposed to the severest of weather. I have great confidence in your remedy, and would like every one who has fits to give it a trial.

B. L. DEFREES.

STILL ANOTHER CURE.

Read the following testimonial from a respectable citizen of Grenada, Mississippi.

SETH S. HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: I take great pleasure in relating a case of Epilepsy, or Fits, cured by your valuable Pills. My brother, J. J. Ligon, has long been afflicted with this awful disease. He was first attacked while quite young. He would have one or two spasms at one attack at first, but as he grew older they seemed to increase. Up to the time he commenced taking your Pills he had them very often and quite severe, fracturing his body and mind. His mind had suffered severely, but now, I am happy to say, he is cured of those fits. He has enjoyed the health for the last five months. His mind has also returned to its original brightness. All this I take great pleasure in communicating, as it may be the means of directing others to the remedy that will cure them. Yours, respectfully, etc. W. F. LIGON.

Sent to any part of the country, by mail, free of postage, on receipt of a remittance. Address, SEETH S. HANCE, 103 Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md. Price, one box, \$3.00; two boxes, \$5.00; twelve, \$27.00. Please mention where you saw this advertisement.

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